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Ballet show at the Tai Ping

"Hansel and Gretel, the ballet based on the immortal fairy tale will be presented at the Tai Ping Theatre on April 11 at 5.30 p.m. under the patronage of Sir Robert Ho Tung. The performers will be the pupils and staff of the Carol Bateman School of Dancing.

This ballet was first presented in Shanghai in 1930. At that time and for many years after Carol Bateman (one of the few women in the Far East holding the London Diploma) and her sister, Audrey King (the well-known ballerina, teacher and choreographer) were joint principals of the Bateman King School of Dancing.

This school included among its pupils Margaret Foley, prima-ballerina of the world famous Sadler's Wells company, June Drue, another Sadler's Wells star, and many others.

The school produced many successful ballets, but shortly before the war Carol Bateman came to Hong Kong to establish a school here. The hostilities, however, interrupted her work and she became an internnee of Stanley Camp.

Many local residents, who were interned with her, will remember with pleasure the wonderful shows which Carol Bateman produced in camp. Outstanding were her two ballets, "Bethe" (1942) and "Ghenghis Khan" (1943), in which the choreography and performances achieved professional standards.

Following the war, Carol Bateman renewed her contacts in London with the stage and ballet world, and returned to Hong Kong in 1946 to re-establish her school.

Unstinting efforts

By her unstinting efforts, Carol Bateman has done much to stimulate the interest of the Colony in classical dancing, embracing, as it does, ballet, the fields of music, mime and theatrical presentation. As a result, since the war, the Chinese have displayed such interest in this form of art that they now form nearly three quarters of the student body.

For the past three months Carol Bateman, her staff and pupils have been working assiduously to perfect "Hansel and Gretel."

Carol Bateman has enlisted the assistance of the ballet class, Aida Morocoolva (Mrs. Martin Hanson), a former pupil of the Bateman King School of Dancing and the School of American Ballet in New York.

Aida Morocoolva is a Shanghai girl who has been dancing prima-ballerina roles since the age of 15 and is considered by many critics one of the most accomplished young dancers ever to appear in the Far East.

In the forth-coming ballet she will dance to Kreisler's "Capriccio Venoso."

Lydia Hutchison, whom Stanley Hutchison will remember well for her numerous stage appearances in camp, particularly her dramatic roles as principal dancer in the ballets "Esther" and "Ghenghis Khan," will portray The Witch.

Zena Mitchell, who trained under Gherardo in Hong Kong, will dance the Black Cat. She will also play "Mummy-Rabbit" to the baby class in their own "Little Rabbit's Dance." In the second part of the programme Zena Mitchell will dance "Faded" to the music of Strauss Valse.

Luba Skvortov, a former advanced member of "Solisty Ballet School" in Shanghai, will dance The Moon.

Although so young, Greta Lo is promising and will dance the part of the Witch's Bird delightfully. She will also perform in a difficult acrobatic number. The character of "Hansel" will be interpreted by Norbert Maycock, while Kirsten Rumussen, who is well known to many here for her acrobatic dancing, will cast "Gretel."

Lovers of ballet will be interested to see John Caywood, who was previously with Sadler's Wells and is now serving with the RAF at Kai Tak.

The corps de ballet comprises the younger pupils who are obviously keen and have worked hard.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Mr. J. H. Howe RAB, ARCM and stage management in the hands of Mr. John Alkman with Mr. N. L. Slater assisting with the lighting.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

At a special People's Service in St. John's Cathedral, Garden Road, at 9 a.m. on Good Friday, St. Matthew's story of the Crucifixion will be read in dramatic form.

It will be on the lines of a Passion Play, except that the players are heard and not seen. The characters in the Bible will be vividly brought to life and the blackboard story of those who hated Him and His calm voice of Jesus will be portrayed.

According to the many critics who attended the rehearsal, the effect of such reading will be impressive and moving.

Acid tragedy in the Ginza

Tokyo, April 4.

Fifty-five passengers were burned, 18 of them seriously, and one worker was killed when a truck, carrying sulphuric acid, collided yesterday with a tramcar crowded with rush-hour passengers on Tokyo's main shopping thoroughfare, the Ginza.

Screaming passengers, splashed by the acid, fought to escape from the swirling sulphuric acid fumes in the compartment. Many slipped on the acid splashed from the tramcar and suffered further burns.

It took firemen two hours to make the road safe from the half ton of spilled sulphuric acid. Fifteen fire engines and several ambulances were rushed to the scene. — Reuters.

Assault in dance hall

Peter John Gallagher, aged 22, a cook in the Army Catering Corps, was yesterday given the option of a fine of \$200 or six weeks by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central when he was found guilty on a charge of assaulting Miss Winnie Chau at the Lido Dance Hall.

Albert Arthur Long, aged 26, Trooper of the Royal Tank Regiment was fined \$100 or four weeks on a charge of assaulting Denis Victor, Manager of the Lido Dance Hall. Defendant was ordered to pay Victor \$80 compensation.

Thomas Dalton, aged 24, of the 14th Field Battery and Stanley Pressdee, aged 23, private of the 1st Battalion KSLI, were discharged by the magistrate owing to insufficient evidence against them on the charge of resisting a police officer in the execution of his duty.

The prosecution story was that the four defendants were at the Lido Dance Hall on March 30. At 11.45 p.m. first defendant approached a dance hostess (Winnie Chau) and, without any apparent reason, punched her.

After the incident Miss Chau went to Denis Victor, Manager of the Lido Dance Hall, and told him that she had been struck. When Victor intervened, the prosecution alleged, second defendant punched him on the face and broke his glasses.

When the police attempted to take the first two defendants to the station they were prevented from doing so by the last two defendants.

Samagaga rubber's annual meeting

The Samagaga Rubber Company Limited held its 35th annual general meeting at Marina House yesterday in the offices of its Secretaries, J. A. Wattie and Company Limited.

Mr. W. A. Welch, the Chairman, in his report, said the net profit for 1949 was HK\$29,398.

Legislation in respect of war damage claims has at last been passed, he said, and the Company is awaiting assessment. The figure for compensation can be agreed within the next 12 months.

Upon the operations for the year Mr. Welch said:

"In common with many other rubber companies in Malaya whose resources have all been so heavily drawn on for rehabilitation your company found itself in a rather critical position in the middle of 1949 when the price of rubber fell to 31 Straits cents per pound.

"As soon as the price rose to about 37 Straits cents, it was decided to sell some rubber forward in order to secure the general expenses and capital expenditure. If the price had not risen so quickly, the company would have been in a very difficult position. The Directors would have had to consider the possibility of a liquidation, but the price of rubber has now risen to 42 Straits cents per pound.

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Personalia

Mr. Harold John Hughes, Attorney General, British Honduras has been appointed to be a Palace Judge in British Guiana.

He was born in December, 1904, in Grenada, and educated at Queen's Royal College, Trinidad, and Imperial Service College, Windsor. He was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1927 and, after practising as a Barrister-at-Law, was appointed Magistrate and Coroner, St. Vincent, in 1930. He transferred to British Honduras as a Magistrate in 1933 and was promoted Attorney General in 1944.

Mr. John Gutch, OBE, formerly Principal Secretary, Palestine, has been appointed Colonial Secretary, British Guiana. He was born in Cambridge in 1895 and educated at Aldenham School and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. He was appointed to the Colonial Administrative Service in 1928 as Assistant District Commissioner, Gold Coast, and promoted to be Assistant Colonial Secretary in 1934.

He was transferred to Palestine in 1936, as Assistant Secretary and promoted to the post of Principal Assistant Secretary in 1941. In 1947 he was seconded to the Colonial Office and in 1948 to the Foreign Office for service in Cyrenaica. He was awarded the OBE in 1947.

Mr. S. A. Gray, Editor of the "Hong Kong Telegraph" left for the United Kingdom on Home leave by BOAC yesterday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gray.

Among the others who left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC were Messrs. W. J. Parker, M. McEwig, F. G. Maund, T. D. Sorby, and Mr. O'Connor.

Departures for Singapore yesterday by BOAC included Messrs. J. Linstead, D. Buchanan, A. S. Trippe, W. J. Wallace, J. B. Brooks, Major W. H. Harris, Major W. H. Harris, Major D. J. Fowler-Jones, and H. Gidmal.

Mr. F. W. Williams and Mr. R. G. Ouselet left for Japan yesterday by ss. Antiochus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. J. Follett, Mr. and Mrs. D. McLean, Captain D. D. Richardson, and Mr. J. Big left for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Patroclus.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Miss Mavis Seth, Messrs. J. H. Marshall, E. S. Fuest, J. Walther, Red Reisinger, A. S. da Silva, R. E. Fisher, H. McKay and Colonel C. Mydans.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. N. Wood, Miss R. Linslie, Miss J. B. Kosak, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mahowald, Miss G. L. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nicholas, Mrs. A. Tong, Miss A. Wing, Messrs. I. S. Assin, R. B. Sheeks, J. Haber, T. Sorby and A. A. Taylor.

Messrs. H. T. Smith, M. Gullier and J. M. Ferrer left for Kowloon yesterday by ss. Shengking.

FOOD & FUEL COST

The food and fuel index for the week ended April 1, issued by the Labour Office, were:

Rice and Flour, 7.2 cwt.	16.200
Vegetables, 10 cwt.	13.10
Butter, 10 lb.	2.500
Oil, 0.7 cwt.	1.420
Tea, 0.5 cwt.	1.000
Salt Fish, 0.5 cwt.	1.000
Fish, 0.4 cwt.	1.100
Pork, 4.2 cwt.	1.500
Firewood, 10 cwt.	1.500
Bean Curd, 14 pieces	7.000
Total	64.840



A keen group of about 40 young singers connected with the Chinese Methodist Church, Wanchai, who will give their first performance on Good Friday at 8 p.m. They will render Stainer's "Crucifixion". The soloists will be Mr. Lai Koon-tun (tenor) and Mr. Wong Tsat-wai (bass). The Chinese Church is equipped with a Hammond organ. The concert will be the first of a series of musical events.

PROBABILITY OF A DEMOCRATIC JAPAN

Mr. Burton Crane, veteran New York "Times" correspondent in Japan, in a talk on post-war Japan at the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday, said there is no immediate chance of that country reverting to the 1931-1935 pattern of militarism. He said this in answer to the question asked by so many people in the world today—Will democracy last in Japan, or will she revert to her old ways once the Americans leave?

Russian pilots go into action

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The official Nationalist Central News Agency said more than a score of Russian planes were assembled at Shanghai's Langhauw field in mid-March but were moved to Suichow after seven were damaged on the ground and one shot down by the Nationalists during a test hop. It said this plane set fire to 100 Shanghai buildings when it crashed. It added that many Soviet technicians were killed.

Taiwan ARP

An earlier unofficial Nationalist report had said an unidentified scout plane was seen over Taiwan. Officials denied this report but at the same time intensified air raid precautions in Taipei and elsewhere in Taiwan.

In addition to the Nationalist straffing in Hangchow Bay on Sunday, Air Force headquarters reported inflicting heavy losses on 100 Red junk sighted off the mainland near Hainan Island.

It said Nationalist shuttle bombers on Sunday also wiped out several Hainan villages held by Communist remnants.

(It was not clear just what was meant by remnants, since the Nationalists only the day before had said they killed or captured to the last man about 7,000 Reds who invaded Hainan on Saturday.)

(A smaller force of Reds had landed on March 27. However, some of these were said to have fled to the interior of the island, but subsequent Nationalist accounts had said they, too, were destroyed from the air.) Associated Press and United Press.

RUSSIA AND OUTER MONGOLIA

The Soviet Union and the Mongolian People's Republic (Outer Mongolia) have raised their diplomatic representatives from Ministers to Ambassadors, a Tass dispatch from Moscow said today.

Tass said the present envoys who have been promoted to Ambassadors are Yuri Prikhodov, representing Russia at Ulan Bator, and Idanjab, Mongolian representative in Moscow. Associated Press.

HUK BLACKLIST

Manila, April 4. A Government official received what was purported to be a letter from the Huk outlaw blacklisting 120 high public officials and prominent citizens and marking them for execution.

The list contained the names of President Quirino, Senate President Mariano Cuenco, House Speaker Eugenio Foran, Manila Mayor Manuel dela Rianza, and the editors of the Manila newspapers.

The lister said the Huk would kill those listed for "adultery, racketeering, and robbery of the people's money. The day of the Huk is at hand, and the day of the Huk is at hand."

The Americans and the British were merely "kidding" themselves when they said Japan had all along been preparing for world conquest, he said. It was just propaganda.

What actually happened in Japan before the war was that there were two strong forces, a moderate constitutional element and a radical element. Since 1894 the constitutional element dominated the country most of the time.

It was only now and again that the militarist element came to the fore, such as in 1915 when China was presented with the notorious 21 Demands, and in 1931 when Manchuria was attacked. In the intervening period the militarists went into eclipse.

What is now happening in Japan is a process of getting the country back to the constitutional model which is by no means new, Mr. Crane stated.

Leading the country along this line the Occupation Authorities have instituted rural reforms benefiting at least 2,200,000 farmers, and encouraged the setting up of the labour union movement which has now a membership of 7,000,000. These 9,000,000 farmers and labour unions represent at least 40,000,000 of the population, said Mr. Crane.

SCAP has also been trying to decentralize government by setting up city and rural governing bodies along democratic lines.

Human rights

The problem of human rights was, however, a delicate one, said Mr. Crane, and SCAP has purposely refrained from laying too much emphasis on it, due to fear of Communism.

The same attitude was being adopted in Taiwan by the Chinese Nationalists.

SCAP has failed, however, in enforcing the anti-trust movement in Japan. It has not succeeded principally because the history and experience of this movement in Japan are not the same as in the United States.

The agricultural system, and even the industrial business in the shape of a bonus, which is nearly always much more than the salary or wages, is too strongly embedded.

In a way it is the most workable form of capitalism which has been cushioned off the bumps that are felt in other countries where a depression came, and avoids the knowledge effect as was the case in America in 1929-1932.

The Japanese are most reluctant to lay off surplus employees, and Mr. Crane believed that once the Occupation ends, the old system will return.

SCAP's purge of many experienced businessmen in the anti-trust movement is, in the opinion of Mr. Crane, a bad thing. These people know their business, and they should not have been removed.

Few Japanese are willing to take responsibility and would prefer to make their decision in committee rather than individually, so that if anything went wrong there would be no individual loss of face.

Air trip to the BIF

The Hong Kong British Industries Fair Committee announced yesterday that an unforeseen development has occurred which prevents the running of a special plane to convey the visitors to the Fair. Every effort is being made to accommodate the intending passengers on the normal BOAC service on April 25 and 28 and May 5.

All visitors who have registered for the special plane should contact Mr. J. W. Ferrie of the Department of Commerce and Industry (Tel. 39250) immediately and give their preference in regard to the dates mentioned.

New hotel in Kowloon

Personnel specially trained for three months to provide careful services for its guests, form one of the many innovations introduced by the International Hotel, on Cameron Road, Kowloon, which was formally opened yesterday.

The hotel, which was taught the importance of service, courtesy, silence and cleanliness, according to Mr. Myron Log, manager of the Park Hotel in Shanghai and President of the Shanghai Hotels Association, who has been helping in the preparation of an advisory capacity.

Mr. Log was the first Chinese delegate to the San Antonio Hotel Conference in America in 1947.

The six-storey building which houses the International Hotel is suitably located, being in one of the best and quietest districts on the mainland and also within easy reach of the business areas.

It has 65 rooms and suites, all tastefully furnished and each with a bath or shower attached. Two-toned English rugs in green and rust colours line the floor of the entire building.

The hotel has a Clipper Bar which is adjacent to the beautiful hotel lobby, with its gift shops and a spacious roof garden for big parties and meetings.

The International Hotel's manager, Mr. Harold Ling, has had wide experience in hotel management. He operated a number of hotels in Shanghai and China for foreign tourists for more than 10 years.

The chef-de-cuisine is Mr. Wong Shing-chuen, formerly of the Majestic and Carlton Hotels in Shanghai, who is well known to many old Shanghai residents.

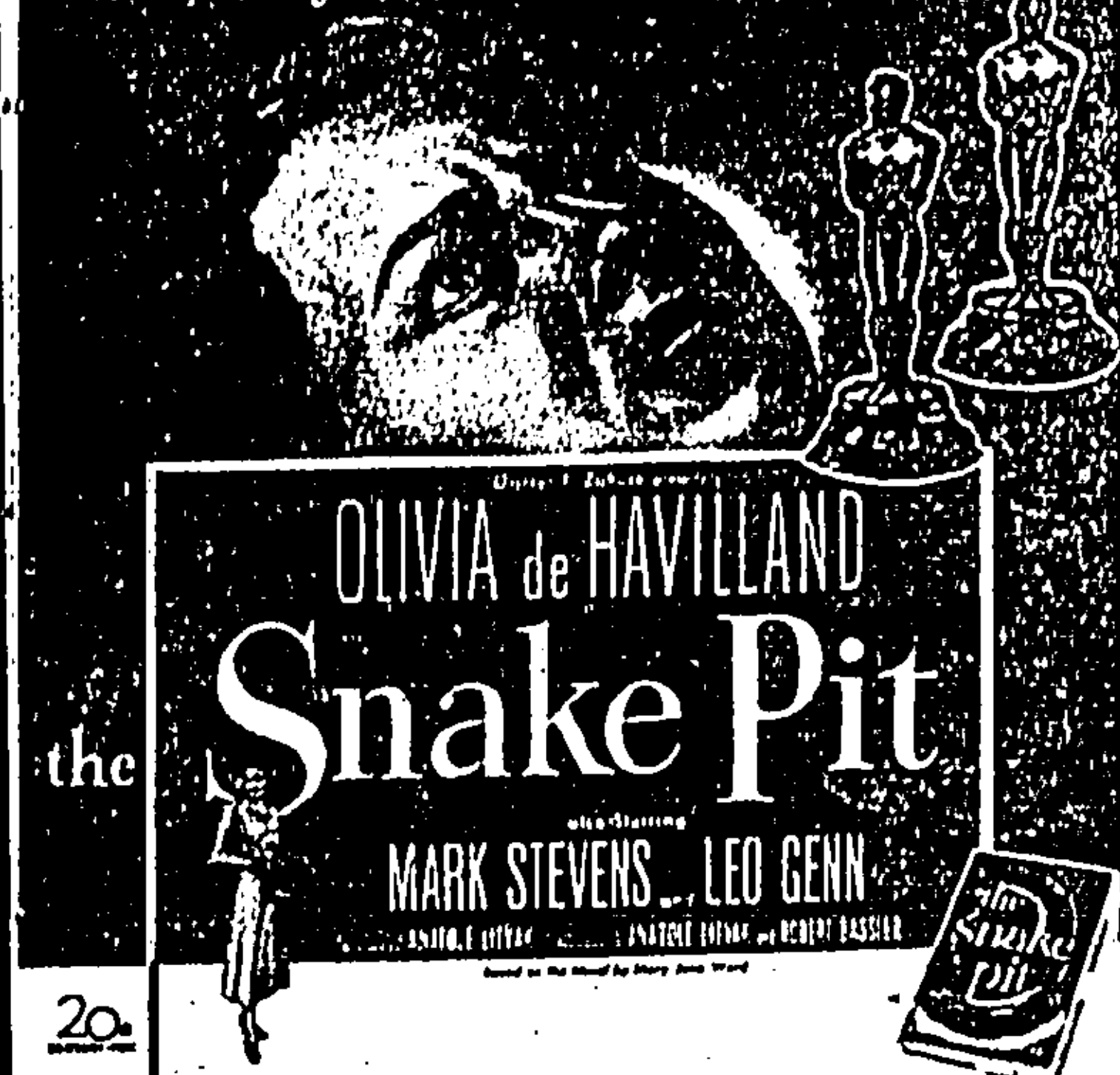
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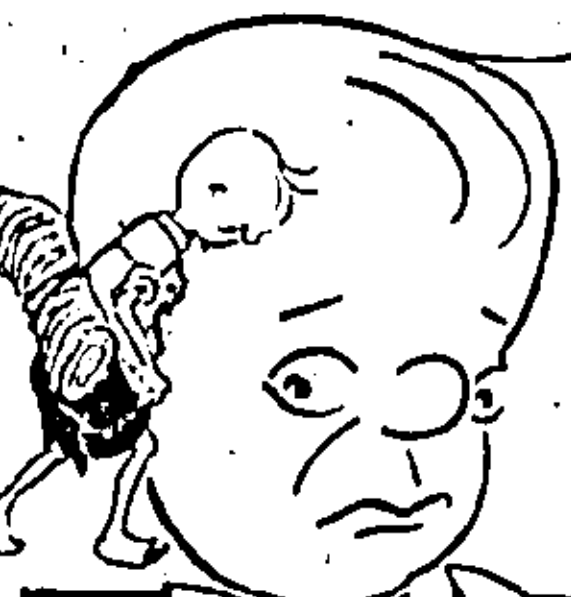
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CONTROL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN IS RUSSIAN STRATEGY

Washington, April 3.

Why are the Russians building up a big navy, as many reliable reports show they are doing? To invade the United States? No, say some extremely well-informed officials.

A landing on the U.S. coast has a low priority in the Russian military scheme, these men say, although it is probably featured in the final chapter of their military book.

Foremost in the Soviet strategic plan, they say, is control of the Mediterranean and all the shores of that sea. With that they could protect the Southern flank of a Red army sweeping West across Europe. They could supply that army.

They could nullify or greatly diminish the effect of present plans of the Western Democracies for building up a defence core centred in Africa.

Another reason Russia wants a strong navy, say the officials, is that it has learned a lot from the experiences of the Germans. The Germans learned that any nation that means to seize Europe and hold it also must take Great Britain, lest it once again become the stepping stone for American forces sweeping to Europe's rescue. This calls for a strong fleet to conquer or starve out the British.

The Germans never attempted the invasion of Britain because their navy was not adequate to protect their transports. Both Marshal Rundstedt and General Jodl revealed this after the war. There is one other great lesson the Germans taught:

Capacity doubled
That even a numerically inferior navy can exert great strategic influence. The British and Americans had to maintain strong elements of sea power in the North Sea area for years lest the tough little German navy come day after day and pounce on their vital transport lines.

The Russians are said to have doubled their shipbuilding capacity since 1940. Admiral Forrest Sherman, U.S. Chief of Naval Operations, declared in a recent speech that within the past year they have added to their fleet new high-speed, heavily-armed cruisers and many destroyers. He said they are

good ships. Russia now has 14 active cruisers, compared to America's 13.

"Jane's Fighting Ships," authoritative manual of the world's navies, reported in December that the Russians were building three ultra-modern battleships, equipped to fire radio-controlled rockets and aerial torpedoes. Two more may now be in the yards.

The Russians plan to complete 750 to 1,000 submarines by 1951 according to "Jane's," which says they now have 300, many with long range and high underwater speed. Latest types were developed from the German super-submarines which were ready in the last days of the war.

No carriers

Meanwhile, other significant developments have occurred:

1. In January one of the foremost engineers and organisers in Soviet industry, Vacheslav A. Malashov, was appointed Minister of Shipbuilding, both naval and merchant marine.

2. In February the Russians de-united their armed forces, creating a separate Ministry of the Navy.

Moscow observers believed this might have been a reward to the navy for completing its 1940-1950 five-year plan.

3. Last October the Soviet Government announced the opening of a two-year naval officer academy in Leningrad.

What kind of navy to the Russians now have? A weak one compared even to the U.S. active fleet. Although stronger in submarines, they have fewer vessels in nearly all other categories.

If you add the U.S. reserve fleet, this country has several times the naval strength of the Russians. Furthermore, there seems no indication that the Russians have any aircraft carriers unless they recently have converted other ships.

American naval men consider carriers the backbone of a fleet. So far as they are concerned, the Russian navy, except for its submarines, is not a present threat—only something to be guarded against.

Can the Soviet build a navy to compare with that of the U.S.?

Good sailors

One competent observer says it is not unlikely that as long as the Russians maintain their present controlled economy, including controlled labour, some day they might well surpass the U.S. in all elements of their armed forces.

The Russians seem to be good sailors. When they returned 27 lend-lease frigates, U.S. naval officers found them filthy but were astonished at their excellent mechanical condition.

What are Russia's strategic naval areas?

The Turkish straits will become increasingly important, giving the big Black Sea fleet access to the Mediterranean. It will be jealously guarded by the Straits of Tashima, between Korea and Japan, where U.S. forces are stationed. It needs these straits in winter for the passage of its Pacific fleet, blocked from the North by ice.

A vital and vulnerable route is the ice canal connecting the Baltic and White seas. It uses the lakes Ladoga and Onega and follows natural waterways in between. It enables Russia to send vessels from the Baltic over a new route through the Arctic Ocean to the Pacific during the three months when the Northern sea is not ice-locked. But it is within bombing range of air bases in the Scandinavian countries.

Russia's naval bases are on the Black Sea, White Sea, Barents Sea, Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Yellow Sea. It acquired the base at Port Arthur, in Manchuria, from the Chinese.

U.S. Army intelligence sources say Russia is building bases at German ports along the Baltic. It got a base on the Finnish coast after the war with Finland. Refugees from Albania say it is building a powerful submarine base on the rocky island of Saseno, off Albania, in the Adriatic Sea.—Associated Press.

PETER LAW FORD DENIES REPORT

New York, April 3.
The film star, Peter Lawford, left for London today with words of praise for Miss Sharman Douglas but a flat denial of reports that they are engaged.

As he boarded a plane at Idlewild airport, the 26-year-old actor told reporters that he is too young to marry.

Lawford acquired the beautiful daughter of the American Ambassador to Britain around Hollywood on her recent visit and kissed her good-bye a month ago when she returned to London.

He said today, "I am not engaged to Sharman." The British-born Lawford explained that he is merely planning a holiday in England between pictures.—United Press.

RUSSIA REJECTS BRITISH NOTE

London, April 3.
Russia has rejected Britain's note objecting to the elimination of the diplomatic rouble rate after June.

In a note delivered to the British Embassy in Moscow yesterday, the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andre Vyshinsky, declared that British comments on the cost of living in Russia constituted interference with the Soviet Union's internal affairs.

The note made no reference to the reduction of the diplomatic rate for the rouble, but contested the British view that the recent devaluation of the rouble had the effect of grossly increasing the cost of living in Russia in terms of foreign currencies.—Reuter.

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Flood havoc in Australia

Sydney, April 3.
Hundreds abandoned their homes and fled from rising flood waters in New South Wales today as torrential rain turned rich farm land into an inland sea.

The swollen Macquarie and Lachlan rivers, sprawling over their banks, have cut off townships, put roads under water and cut off rail and telephone communications.

The Wagga Wagga district, devastated by floods last week, faces a new threat, and the worst floods for years have inundated rich farm lands in Victoria, where hundreds have left their homes and thousands of acres are under water.—Reuter.

ACTRESS ADMITS HOAX

Paris, April 3.
Nicole Riche, 23-year-old French actress and the star of James Hadley Chase's "No Orchids for Miss Blandish," today admitted to an "Examining Magistrate" that her alleged kidnapping from the Grand Guignol (world-famous "horror" theatre) was a complete hoax.

Mlle Riche said the spectacular "kidnapping" stunt had been organized at the instigation of the theatre manager, Alexandre Dundas.

Today's charge followed several days of speculation in the French Press whether or not the disappearance of the blonde, dark-eyed Nicole between the acts of last Thursday's show was a publicity stunt or not.

News of her disappearance after leaving her dressing room with a fur coat slung over the negligee she wore in Act 2, has for days occupied the headlines of the French Press, accompanied by photographs of her in a variety of scantily-dressed poses.

The police of all France searched for her for three days and then on Saturday Mlle Riche reappeared in the company of many newspapermen who had "found" her in the forests outside Paris. She was still in her scanties.—Reuter.

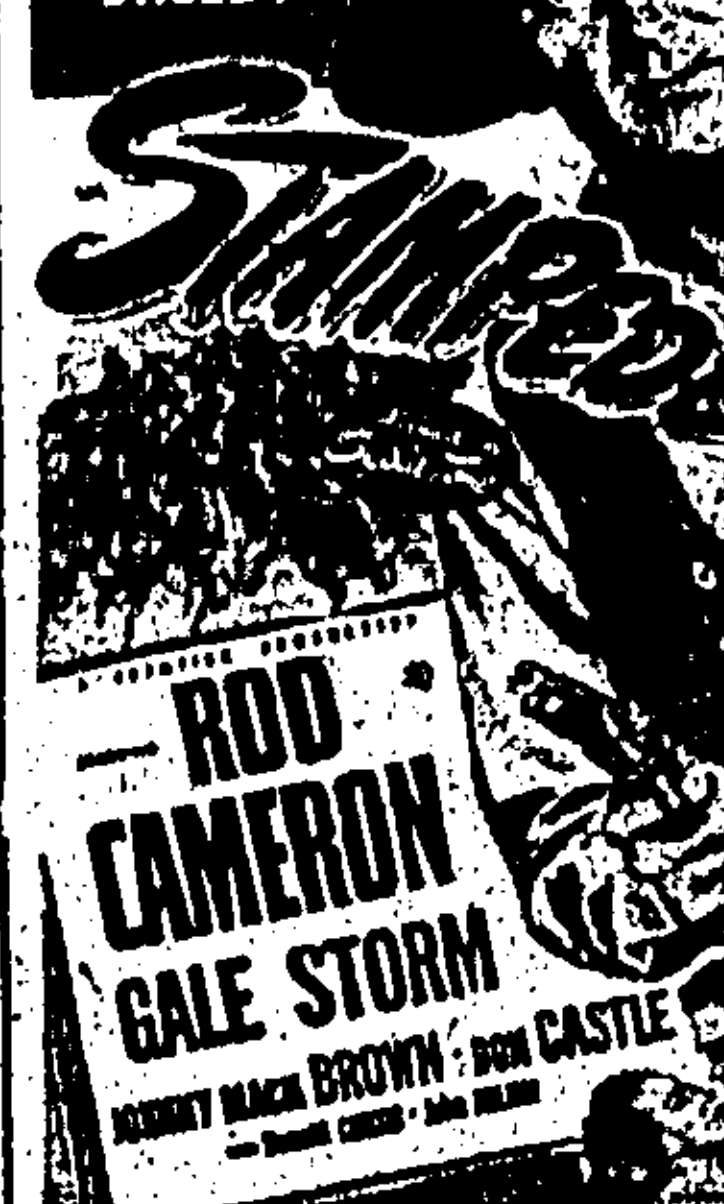
PEKING RADIO ACCUSES KOREA

San Francisco, April 3.
The Chinese Communist radio tonight accused the South Korean Government of persecuting Chinese residents in South Korea. Among the "inhuman atrocities" perpetrated by "the puppet Syngman Rhee and his Kuomintang agents," is the case of a Chinese merchant who was arrested on January 22 and "blinded by electrical torture devices," the radio said.—United Press.

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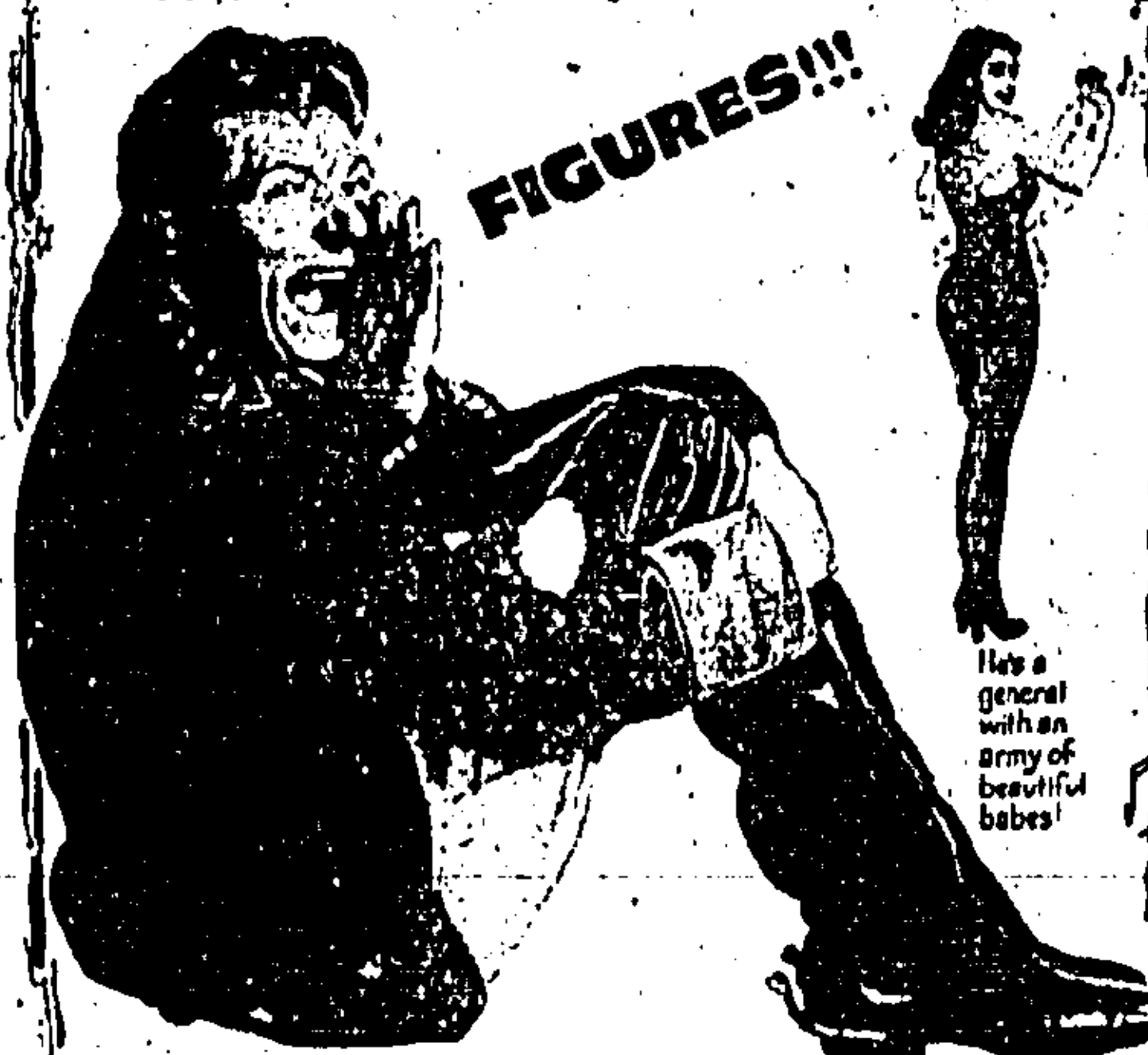
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Submarine group operating off California

San Francisco, April 3.

Two destroyer officers said today that they picked up enough radar and other contacts to convince them that a group of submarines is operating off the California coast.

The two officers spent the last five days on the USS Colahan tracking down persistent reports of unidentified submarines around Eureka, California, 180 miles North of here.

They did not see any submarines but said that a fleet of unidentified high speed subs may be operating off the California coast.

Bolstering the report of the two Colahan officers was the theory of Rear-Admiral Frederick L. Wiest, deputy commander of the Western Sea Frontier. He believed that the unidentified subs are probably Russian craft on normal peacetime maneuvers. He would be inclined to discount the theory that the submarines may be remnants of the Nazi fleet operated by German crews who fled when the war ended.

The Colahan and the USS Kankakee, fleet oiler, made four contacts—two on the destroyer's radar screen, one on sonar and one visual. The crew of the

Kankakee made visual contact. They saw a periscope on Thursday night although they did not see the sub itself.

The Navy officers are Captain J. A. Holbrook with nine years of duty in the Navy's submarine service and Lieutenant Fred Redye, submarine man for 13 years with a stretch of South Pacific duty in World War II in submarines behind him.

Captain Holbrook said, "The contact we made leads me to believe that a fleet of subs is operating in the Northern California area. They usually travel in packs and I would say there are four in this group. Actions by both contacts on our radar screens bear the typical earmark of submarine activities. Their evasive actions are standard submarine procedure."

Opinion endorsed

Lieutenant Redye endorsed the opinion of the Colahan's skipper 100 per cent. He said, "Sure, I am sure they were subs."

Officially the 12th Naval District refuses to verify the opinions of Captain Holbrook and Lieutenant Redye. But the District stressed that it had no submarines of its own operating in the area where the Colahan made its contacts.

Moreover, it thought enough of the report from a Navy patrol plane of a sub sighting last week to send the Colahan and a fleet of aircraft to search the area.

There is no law to prevent foreign submarines from cruising beyond the three-mile limit. If they are intercepted inside the limit, however, they can be challenged and made to identify themselves.

The destroyer picked up its first radar contact on Thursday night. It started in pursuit and a new contact was made on the opposite heading. The first target submerged and contact was lost. The destroyer then wheeled and set off after the second object.

Although the Colahan was speeding along at 18 knots it was able to make only half the distance to contact in almost an hour leading to the belief that the sub was a modern high speed submarine.

On Friday noon off Punta Gorda, South of Cape Mendocino along an isolated stretch of the coast, the destroyer picked up contact on sonar, another track-in device which depends on sound waves. The Colahan tracked its quarry for about an hour and then lost contact.

On the basis of reports by the Colahan the Navy ordered the USS Shields, another destroyer, to stand by on alert and sent a group of scout planes to patrol the coast line.—United Press.

Self-rule for Trinidad

London, April 3.
Self-government for the West Indian colony of Trinidad and Tobago is proclaimed in an Order-in-Council laid before the United Kingdom Parliament today.

The new Constitution, provides for an elected majority in the local Legislature instead of a majority of Government officers and nominated members. It also declares that the Executive Council, hitherto only a consultative and advisory body for the Governor, shall now be the principal instrument of policy. First elections under the new Constitution are expected to be held in September.—Reuter.

GERMANY DELAYS REPLY

Bonn, April 3.

The West German Parliament is unlikely to decide whether to accept the Council of Europe's invitation to associate membership before the end of the month, political sources said here today.

The Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, was himself largely responsible for this delay, they stated.

He was believed to have sensed hesitancy among the other political parties when he met their leaders last Friday after it was known that the invitation was coming.

The Press Service of the Christian Democrats, Dr. Adenauer's own party, today estimated that even in the most favorable circumstances the Government could at present muster 100 votes for acceptance compared to 153 against.

Both extremes, the Right and the Communists, are regarded as certain to vote against.

The big question mark in political circles is the attitude of the Social Democrats, the chief opposition.

Dr. Adenauer presumably believes that time is on his side and that the effect of European and Allied opinion will help the Social Democrats to overcome their scruples. Intended by the invitation to Germany being issued at the same time as and after that to the Saar.—Reuter.

Pope's concern over the holy places

Vatican City, April 3.

Pope Pius XII today marked the Vatican's continuing concern for the future of the holy places of Palestine by ordering that all alms gathered on Good Friday, the day commemorating the death of Jesus Christ, be devoted to their maintenance.

At the same time the authoritative Jesuit review "Civita Cattolica," protested strongly against the deplorable Western indifference to the Moslem and Zionist menace to the 2,500,000 Christians of the Middle East.

The review, believed to be closely supervised by the Pope himself, said that in Palestine not only were the holy places in danger but also the safety of thousands of Christian souls. "The old Islamic fanaticism is not dead," the publication declared. "Indeed, it has recently appeared to be reviving violently."

"Many Moslem statesmen and men of culture stand apart from this, but they form a small group removed from the mass of the people, in whom such violent fanaticism is being bred. That conversion of one sole person, or even rumours of a conversion, give rise to the gravest disturbances."

Turning to Israel, the "Civita Cattolica" said that Zionism presented a second peril, no less grave, now appearing on the Middle East horizon.

"This danger comes particularly from the youth which forms the Hebrew Army and which has profaned the things most sacred to Christians."

"Implicit in this development is the influence of Moscow already solidly enounced in Palestine, thanks to the Israeli Government's cession to the Soviets of all the Russian property hitherto in the hands of anti-Communist monks."

—Reuter.

SHARP STATEMENT BY LONDON ON STRACHEY AFFAIR

London, April 3.

A British Government spokesman today denounced an American news agency report from The Hague that the British and American military chiefs had arranged to keep confidential information from the War Minister, Mr. John Strachey.

The spokesman said: "If those who are employed by them in London to interpret political life in this country to America did not, as soon as they saw this story, inform their head office that it could not conceivably be true, they ought to have done."

"They were told by telephone that the story was obviously untrue, and if they did so inform their head office, and the head office still insisted on running the story, then I can only say that the agency's boasted love of facts is nothing but hypocrisy."

No questions have yet been lodged in the House of Commons by the Opposition seeking information about the report, but it is possible that some may be asked within the next day or so.

The "New York Times" said in a despatch from The Hague today that some important American officials concerned with the military security of the United States would like to see Mr. John Strachey replaced as the British War Secretary.

"They appear to be trying to force a change indirectly, making their feelings known to the British Government," the newspaper declared.

The despatch, from Sidney Grigon, noted that both Mr. Emanuel Shinwell and Mr. Louis Johnson had denied an American news agency report that Mr. Shinwell had agreed that certain military secrets should be kept from Mr. Strachey.

"Unsubstantiated information supported the official denial of the story," the despatch said. "However, some United States officials have privately expressed their belief in the past week that it would be wiser to keep certain information from Mr. Strachey because of his Communist sympathies in the 1930s."

Johnson statement

Mr. Johnson said on arrival in New York today that it was up to Mr. Shinwell to decide whether Atlantic Pact secrets would be given to Mr. Strachey, or not.

Just back from the Atlantic Defence Ministers' meeting at The Hague, Mr. Johnson told reporters that there was no agreement among the American Joint Chiefs of Staff to withhold information from Britain as long as Mr. Strachey was War Minister.

He said that he had concurred with one paragraph of a statement prepared by Mr. Shinwell, a paragraph which denied that American military chiefs had agreed to hold back information from Britain.

But he had refused to sign the statement, Mr. Johnson said. He declared that in his own capacity as Secretary of Defence, he had dealt only with Mr. Shinwell and would continue to do so.

Asked whether information given to Mr. Shinwell would be passed on to Mr. Strachey, Johnson replied, "That is his own doing."

His own relations with Mr. Shinwell had been very pleasant, he said, and added, "He took a great part in the meeting. No one took a more helpful part. He contributed much to the unanimity of the programme."

The following statement was issued for publication by The Associated Press in London today: "The Associated Press despatch from The Hague on April 1, on Anglo-American discussions respecting the arrangements for exchange of top military information was obtained from a highly placed American source. (This was the despatch that was criticized today in a statement issued by a British Government spokesman.)"

"The information was made known for publication with a stipulation that the source should not be identified by name. An immediate effort was made in London to obtain authoritative British comment and when this was forthcoming from the British Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, The Associated Press carried Mr. Shinwell's comment in full."

"The original story was written by Joseph Dymally, an experienced and responsible correspondent in whom The Associated Press has the fullest confidence. Mr. Dymally is being asked to recapitulate the circumstances under which his story was obtained and this will be issued in publication."—Reuter and Associated Press.

THE RED THREAT IN EAST

Washington, April 3.

A Japanese diplomat said today that his country would resist Communism even after the American occupation troops are withdrawn, and predicted that China also may break away from Moscow control.

He also supported the Administration's "hands off" policy toward China.

The Communist threat to the Far East was discussed by Katsumi Ohno, official of the Japanese Foreign Office who is studying State Department methods here, in an interview with the United States News and World Report Magazine, an independent news magazine published here.

Mr. Ohno paid high tribute to the great statesmanship of General MacArthur and said the condition of Japan is improving by leaps and bounds under his guidance. He believes that American economic aid will be needed for five or 10 years longer to prevent actual starvation in Japan and said that Japan's dependence on United States help will continue indefinitely unless trade with Communist-held China and Manchuria can somehow be restored.

He said that if American troops are withdrawn from Japan, the Communists and Chinese and North Korean fifth columnists would try to move in.

Mr. Ohno added, "But I am sure they would not succeed because the Communist tendency has been very much discouraged among the Japanese people."

He strongly endorsed the State Department policy of withholding further military aid from the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan.

Mr. Ohno said, "The United States is wise in following a non-interventionist policy. An interventionist policy would antagonize China."

In time, he said, there is a very good chance that China will break away from the Moscow Communist rule. He said, "It is quite possible that Moscow will not be able to control China. The Chinese are very nationalistic. They will struggle to get any imperialistic power out of their country."

Mr. Ohno also forecast grave economic difficulties for China and said this would undercut popular support for the new Communist regime and create difficulties for it.—United Press.

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LATTIMORE DISCLOSES REPORT ON FAR EAST

Washington, April 3.

Owen Lattimore told the State Department last August that Japan and Korea are liabilities and that support of Chiang Kai-shek does more harm than good to the United States.

Mr. Lattimore, Far Eastern expert accused by Senator Joseph McCarthy of being a Soviet spy, publicly disclosed a memorandum today which he submitted to the State Department last year when the Department was re-evaluating its Far Eastern policy.

The Johns Hopkins University professor said he did so because the Wisconsin Republican is spreading poison about it.

Senator McCarthy had challenged the State Department to release the contents of the memorandum or he would. In the memorandum, one of 30 which the State Department solicited from as many experts, Mr. Lattimore also warned that it would be dangerous to assume that Russia would over-commit itself in Asia.

Mr. Lattimore said: "Recent developments in the Far East have been favourable to Russia but not in a way that lessens resources that Russia can deploy toward Europe."

Russia, he said, would get a lot of credit in China multiplied by propaganda for any grants to the Chinese Communists but would probably not make enough grants to strain her resources. "Therefore," he said, "it would be possible if the mistake is made of waiting for the Chinese Communists to come 'hat in hand' to ask for American terms for United States policy to encounter another setback in Asia without even the compensating advantage of hampering Russia's ability to apply pressure in Europe."

"Little Chings"

His statements on China, Korea, Japan and Russia he called negative. It was not possible to make Japan a satisfactory instrument of American policy. The U.S. could possibly over-commit its resources there or Japan could come to terms economically and politically with China. Either course would be undesirable, he indicated.

As for South Korea, he said, it was doubtful how long the present regime could be kept alive and more effort to keep it alive by bad advertisement which continually draws attention to a band of little and inferior Chiang Kai-shek's who are the scorn of the Communists.

The memorandum contained positive suggestions and negative statements.

On the positive side, Mr. Lattimore suggested:

1. The United States should avoid premature or excessive strategic deployment in the Far East. "If there is to be war, it can only be won by defeating Russia, not Northern Korea or Viet Nam or even China."

2. "If there is to be a long peace the primary factor in making peace possible will be the stabilisation of relations between the United States and Russia."

3. "If and when negotiated and mutually acceptable agreements with Russia become possible the American policy in the Far East should be in a position to contribute to Russo-American negotiations. It should not be mixed

down in local situations so that direct American-Russian negotiations are hampered."

Eastern goodwill

4. Any departure in United States policy in the Far East must be able to fend off any accusation of appeasement of local or Russian Communism. There the advice of experts on domestic politics should be co-ordinated with foreign policy experts.

5. The goodwill of Far Eastern countries will be won only if they know they have as direct access to high American authorities as European nations.

6. Far Eastern countries must not be made to suspect that the real aim of the United States is the ulterior aim of using them against Russia.

On the negative side, Mr. Lattimore listed:

1. "The type of policy represented by the support for Chiang Kai-shek does more harm than good to the interest of the United States and modification of this policy seems to be promising."

2. China cannot be economically coerced by such measures as cutting off trade.

3. It is not possible to make Japan a satisfactory instrument of American policy.

4. South Korea is more of a liability than an asset to the in-

terests and policy of the United States.

Heavy strains

5. The United States cannot assume that Russia will move in to take over direct control in China and will thus be subjected to heavy strategic and economic strains. It is dangerous to assume that there will be a diversion and commitment of Russian resources in Asia which will limit Russia's ability to manoeuvre in Europe.

In making the memorandum public, Mr. Lattimore said he had intended to disclose it on Thursday when he goes to the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee to defend himself against Senator McCarthy's charges. He has already called Senator McCarthy a madman and denied that he is or ever was a Communist.

He made the full memorandum public today because Senator McCarthy in typical fashion is seeking by insinuation and concealment to spread some of the poison of which he has an inexhaustible supply.

Senator McCarthy said he had been due to hold a news conference today but instead he issued a statement in which he questioned Mr. Dean Acheson's veracity about his relations with Mr. Lattimore.—United Press.

U.S. WITCH-HUNT:

TRUMAN ORDER FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SUBPOENAS

Key West, Florida, April 3.

President Truman formally announced today that he had instructed the Secretary of State, the Attorney-General, and the chairman of the Civil Service Commission not to comply with subpoenas for the secret Government loyalty files.

President Truman sent a letter to Senator Willard Tydings, Chairman of the Senate sub-committee investigating alleged disloyalty in the State Department.

The President had indicated to the three officials not to comply with the sub-committee's subpoenas.

The subpoenas were served last week to the Attorney-General, Howard McGrath, the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and Chairman Harry Mitchell of the Civil Service Commission. They were ordered to appear on Tuesday before Senator Tydings' group with confidential files on a number of persons employed by or connected in some way with the State Department.

SOMALI BORDER DISPUTE

London, April 3.

Italy has raised objections to Britain about the provisional frontier between Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The frontier was marked out by the British authorities, said the spokesman, who added that Britain interpreted the rejection of this provisional frontier as a method of reserving the Italian position when a permanent frontier is delimited by direct Italian-Ethiopian negotiations.

Reports from Geneva stated yesterday that the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, had informed the United Nations Trusteeship Council that the provisional frontier was unacceptable.

Count Sforza was understood to have said that Britain had in places moved the frontier 20 miles into Italian Somaliland.

The Foreign Office spokesman denied that Britain had moved the frontier. He said that before handling Somaliland over to Italian trusteeship last Saturday, Britain reaffirmed the conventional straight line which, in the absence of the necessary frontier commission, it had been customary to regard as the frontier between the two territories.

The frontier had not been defined in detail in modern maps and is due for eventual settlement between the administrators of Italian Somaliland and the Ethiopian Government.—Reuter.

QUAKE DAMAGE IN ITALY

Leghorn, April 3.

Rain-soaked earthquake refugees, many of whom had fled on Saturday night from a cinema showing the "Last Days of Pompeii", returned from the hills tonight to find their homes level with a sea of rubble.

This worst series of earthquakes in 40 years also hit Pisa, city of the Leaning Tower. An examination of the Tower today showed no increase in its lean, though the ground had trembled beneath it.

Collapsing war-damaged buildings injured five people in Leghorn on Saturday and Sunday. No deaths were reported.—Reuter.

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Mr. Truman wrote: "No President has ever complied with an order of the legislative branch, directing the executive branch to produce confidential documents, disclosure of which was considered by the President to be contrary to public interest."

He cited a long list of Presidents who stood on responsibility of the executive branch to maintain the integrity of confidential information when its disclosure would be contrary to public interest.

The President added: "I would be derelict in my duty if I failed to do so."

Lattimore to testify

Meanwhile in Washington the Senate investigations put off until Thursday the defence testimony of Owen Lattimore, the Far Eastern expert whom Senator McCarthy charged as a Soviet spy.

Democratic Senator Theodore Green said that Mr. Lattimore had asked for additional time to prepare his reply to Mr. McCarthy's charges.

Mr. Green also announced that the investigators had postponed until Tuesday the decision as to whether to subpoena Mr. McCarthy's documents.

Mr. Green said the delay was necessary because Chairman Willard Tydings of the Senate Foreign Relations investigating sub-committee would not be able to attend today. Mr. Tydings arrived in Washington only this morning from The Hague, where he attended the Atlantic Pact defence strategy meeting.

McCarthy threat

Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy suggested today that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has not told the truth about his connections with Owen Lattimore.

Mr. Acheson said last week that he does not recall ever having met Mr. Lattimore, and denied Mr. McCarthy's charges that Mr. Lattimore was the chief architect of the Administration's Far Eastern policy.

Mr. McCarthy said in a formal statement that he knows of Mr. Lattimore's secret recommendations to the State Department on Far Eastern policy. He threatened that unless Mr. Acheson makes them public immediately, he will reveal them himself.

Mr. McCarthy said: "It is extremely disturbing to find that Congress and the American people cannot depend upon the truthfulness of the men who hold the highest and most honoured positions that the nation can give them. Certainly, the American people are entitled to truth from the Secretary of State."—United Press.

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Plan to investigate espionage in U.S.

Washington, April 3.

Republican Senator Henry Cabot Lodge said today that Senator Joseph McCarthy had not proved his charges of Communism in the State Department and he proposed creating a non-partisan commission to investigate espionage.

Senator Lodge is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee investigating Senator McCarthy's charges. He gave his views in a Senate speech after the group had postponed until Thursday the public hearing at which Owen Lattimore is to answer Mr. McCarthy.

"All we can learn so far is that clearly none of the current charges have been proved," said Senator Lodge. He said the sub-committee investigations inspire confidence in the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover.

Senator McCarthy immediately endorsed Senator Lodge's proposal for a non-partisan investigating commission but said the group should have authority to investigate alleged subversives in all Government agencies. It should also have authority to investigate sex pervers.

"My investigations indicated that Russia has such individuals spotted and is using them for their purposes," he stated.

The Senate Democratic leader, Scott Lucas, did not believe the public would understand if the Committee were abruptly dismissed and an entirely new inquiry started.

The chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, Robert Taft, said Mr. Lodge's plan merits consideration but that he would favour the commission only if it was absolutely sure it would be impartial and would have access to loyalty files.—United Press.

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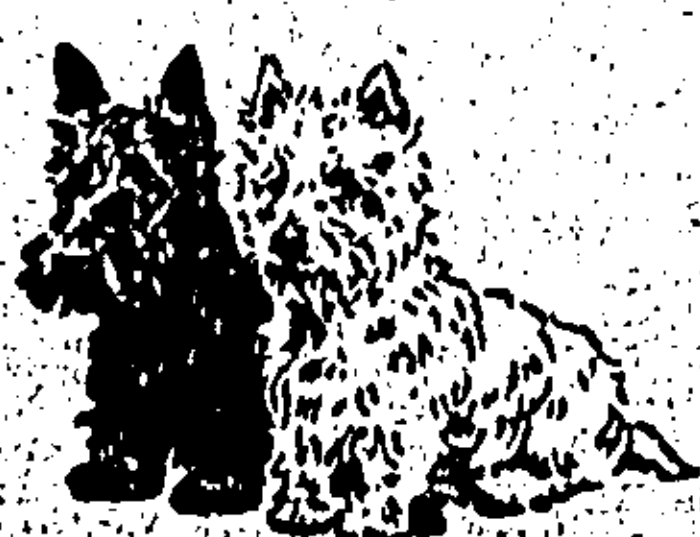
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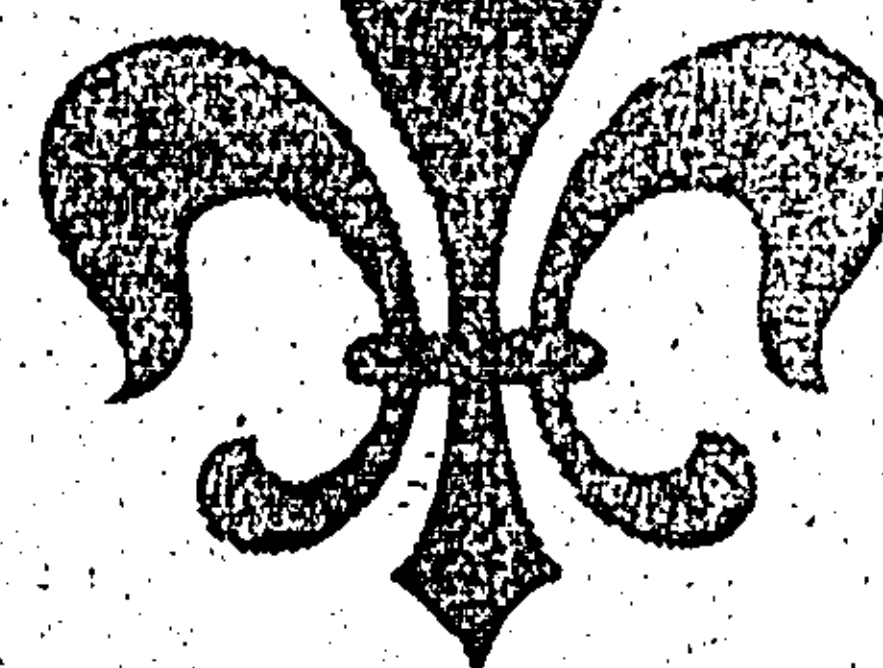


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BETWEEN TWO FIRES

The Hong Kong Govern-
ment, which was good enough
to provide refuge for more
than seventy aircraft whose
ownership is in dispute at the
overcrowded Kai Tak airport,
now finds itself caught be-
tween two fires. American
interests have in various ways
sought to set aside the Courts
and get executive action in
their favour. The extraor-
dinary agency despatch from
Washington about a "com-
promise" solution is all of a
piece with Major-General
Dobson's intervention in the
matter through the medium of
a news conference.

It has evoked from the au-
thorities here a reminder that
it is not the practice of British
Courts to effect compromises
in disputes before them,
though contending parties al-
ways have the right to reach
a compromise by private
treaty—a right that is in fact
often exercised by would-be
litigants. The Solomon's judg-
ment suggested in the
despatch is not without its
humorous aspect, but the issue
is one of law and not of simple
horse trading, and will have
to be determined by due legal
processes.

Into the merits of the dis-
pute we cannot, of course,
enter. A number of decisions
have already been handed
down from the Court, but it
is understood that an appeal
is pending, and therefore the
merits of the case are still
sub judice. Until the matter
is finally settled, the local
authorities do remain "fully
and directly responsible" for
the safety of the assets. It
is a difficult and ungrateful
task in view of the surround-
ing circumstances—how dif-
ficult has been exposed by the
recent acts of sabotage which
damaged several of the air-
craft.

It is, on the other hand,
nonsense to allege—as Mr.
Chou En-lai has done in his
broadcast statement—that the
Hong Kong authorities have
never seriously taken
measures to protect the
planes. Even more untenable
is the charge of impeding the
planes from taking off for
China, for until the legal pro-
ceedings are over the respon-
sibility of the authorities
holding custody of the planes
remains.

Its discharge is complicated
by intrigue, and by the failure
in some cases of the methods
of Communist indoctrination.
A slight reproach about lack
of thoroughness in that matter
would, however, cause un-
necessary hurt to the feelings
of the conscientious indoctrina-
tion officials, who do no
doubt take a very serious view
indeed of their own grave
responsibilities.

A more practical solution
has, however, been reached.
As a result of hurried con-
ferences, decisions were taken
in regard to the reinforcement
of the guards. In addition,
it is stated, the Chinese air-
lines have received permission
to post their own watchmen
around the aircraft. It is
becoming an expensive
business altogether, but per-
haps some day the aircraft
will justify all the attention
bestowed upon them, and
actually fly again.

Meanwhile, since ships are
just as important as seaplanes,
was or aircraft in the com-
petitions which confront us
here in Hong Kong, it would
be interesting to have some

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE THIRD BOOK



[Mr. Churchill, left London
for his second meeting with Mr.
Roosevelt on December 12,
1941. He travelled in HMS
Duke of York, together with
Lord Beaverbrook, Field-
Marshal Sir John Dill (the
former Chief of the Imperial
General Staff), Admiral Pound
(First Sea Lord), and Air Mar-
shal Portal (Chief of the Air
Staff).]

It was hoped to make the
passage at an average of 20
knots, in seven days, having
regard to zig-zag and deure to
avoid the plotted U-boats. The
Admiralty turned us down the
Irish Channel into the Bay of
Biscay. The weather was dis-
agreeable. There was a heavy
gale and a rough sea. The sky
was covered with patchy clouds.
We had to cross the out-and-
home U-boat stream from the
Western French ports to their
Atlantic hunting grounds.

There were so many of them,
about that our captain was
ordered by the Admiralty not to
leave our flotilla behind us; but
the flotilla could not make more
than six knots in the heavy seas,
and we paddled along at this pace
round the South of Ireland for
48 hours.

We passed within 400 miles of
Brest, and I could not help re-
membering how the Prince of
Wales and the Repulse had been
destroyed by shore-based torpedo
aircraft attack the week before.
The clouds had prevented all but
an occasional plane of our air
escort from joining us, but when
I went on the bridge I saw a lot
of unwelcome blue sky appear-
ing. However, nothing hap-
pened, so all was well. The
great ship with her attendant
destroyers plodded on. But we
became impatient with her slow
speed.

On the second night we
approached the U-boat stream.
Admiral Pound, who took the
decision, said that we were more
likely to run the U-boat than to
be torpedoed by one ourselves.
The night was pitch-black. So
we cast off our destroyers and
ran through alone at the best
speed possible in the continuing
rough weather. We were bat-
tled down and great seas beat
upon the decks. Lord Beaver-
brook complained that he might
as well have travelled in a sub-
marine.

Our very large deciphering
staff could of course receive by
wireless a great deal of business.
To a limited extent we could
reply. When fresh escorts joined
us from the Azores they could
take by daylight Morse signals
from us in code and then, drop-
ping off a hundred miles or so,
could transmit them without re-
vealing our position. Still, there
was a sense of radio claustropho-
bia—and we were in the midst of
world war.

Moscow mission

All our problems travelled with
us, and my thoughts were with
the Foreign Secretary, also at sea
and hastening in the opposite
direction [to Moscow]. The
most urgent question was our
policy about asking the Soviet
Government to declare war on
Japan. I had already sent Mr.
Eden the following telegram:

12 December, 41.
Before you left you asked for
views of Chiefs of Staff on the
question whether it would be to
our advantage for Russia to
declare war on Japan. Chiefs
of Staff consider views are as
follows:

Russian declaration of war
on Japan would be greatly to
our advantage, provided that
the Russians are confident that
it would not impair their

official Chinese explanation of
the seizure and protracted
detention of the British ship
"Caducous." She has been in
the hands of the Nationalist
Navy in Taiwan for many
weeks, and her three British
officers are still held in more
or less open arrest at Taipei.
The only statement put out so
far by the authorities is that
the ship had passed off as was
about to pass to Communist
ownership, and alternatively,
that the ship had been bought
with Communist funds. Actu-
ally, she seems to have
"passed" into Nationalist
custody. It seems a pretty
high-handed action whatever
the charges, which even on
the face of it seem rather
humorous. Time was when—
but that's another story.

THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Problems as fellow travellers

By Winston
Churchill

Western front either now or
next spring.

As a postscript to him after his
arrival in Moscow I added:

In view of evident strong
wish of United States, China,
and I expect Australia, that
Russia should come in against
Japan, you should not do any-
thing to discourage a favour-
able movement if Stalin feels
strong enough to do so. We
should not put undue pressure
upon him, considering how
little we have been able to con-
tribute.

During our voyage I received
from Mr. Eden, soon at Moscow,
a series of messages setting forth
the Soviet ideas on other matters
with which he had been con-
fronted on arrival. The substance
of these messages is summarised in
his own words in the full dis-
patch, dated January 5, 1942,
which he wrote on this return:

At my first conversation
with Mr. Stalin, and Mr. Molotov
on December 16 M. Stalin set
out in some detail what he con-
sidered should be the post-war
territorial frontiers in Europe,
and in particular his ideas re-
garding the treatment of Ger-
many. He proposed the res-
toration of Austria as an in-
dependent State, the detach-
ment of the Rhineland from
Prussia as an independent
State or a protectorate, and
possibly the constitution of an
independent State of Bavaria.
He also proposed that East
Prussia should be transferred
to Poland and the Sudetenland
returned to Czechoslovakia.

He suggested that Yugoslavia
should be restored, and even
receive certain additional ter-
ritories from Italy that Albania
should be reconstituted as an
independent State, and that
Turkey should receive the
Dodecanese, with possible ad-
justments in favour of Greece
as regards islands in the
Aegean important to Greece.
Turkey might also receive cer-
tain districts in Bulgaria and
possibly also in Northern Syria.

In general the occupied
countries, including Czechoslo-
vakia and Greece, should be
restored to their pre-war
frontiers, and Mr. Stalin was
prepared to support any special
arrangements for securing
bazaars, &c., for the United
Kingdom in Western European
countries—e.g., France, Bel-
gium, the Netherlands, Norway
and Denmark.

"Curzon Line"

As regards the special in-
terests of the Soviet Union, M.
Stalin desired the restoration
of the position in 1941, prior to
the German attack, in respect
of the Baltic States, Finland,
and Bessarabia. The "Curzon
Line" should form the basis
for the future Soviet-Polish
frontier, and Rumania should
give special facilities for bases,
&c., to the Soviet Union, re-
ceiving compensation for terri-
tory now occupied by Hungary.

In the course of this first
conversation M. Stalin gener-
ally agreed with the principle
of restoring to the future
to certain countries of Europe
moving particularly in regard to
machine tools, &c., and ruled
out money reparations as un-
desirable. He showed interest
in a post-war military alliance
between the "democratic coun-
tries," and stated that the
Soviet Union had no objection
to certain countries of Europe
entering into a federal rela-
tionship, if they so desired.

In the second conversation,
on December 17, M. Stalin
pressed for the immediate re-
cognition by his Majesty's
Government of the future
frontiers of the USSR, more
particularly in regard to the
inclusion within the USSR of
the Baltic States and the res-
toration of the 1941 Finnish-
Soviet frontier. He made the
conclusion of any Anglo-Soviet
Agreement dependent on
agreement on this point.

I, for my part, explained to
M. Stalin that in view of our
prior undertakings to the United
States Government it was
quite impossible for his Majesty's
Government to commit
themselves at this stage to any
post-war frontiers in Europe,
although I undertook to con-
sult his Majesty's Government
in the United Kingdom, the
United States Government, and
his Majesty's Government in
the Dominion of India, on the
question of his Majesty's
Government's attitude towards
the importance of this point,
discussed at the third meeting on
December 18.

Russian claims

In the course of the Russian
mission, the Russian claims
for the return of the Baltic
States, and the restoration of
the 1941 Finnish-Soviet
frontier, were discussed at
length, and it was clear that
the Russian claims were based
on the principle of restoring
the position in 1941, prior to
the German attack.

this by setting forth my thought
in typescript by dictation.

In order to prepare myself for
the American discussions and to
make sure that I carried with me
the two Chiefs of Staff, Pound
and Portal, and General Dill, and
that the facts could be checked
in good time by General Halls
and the Secretariat, I produced
three papers on the future course
of the war, as I conceived it
should be steered.

Each paper took four or five
hours, spread over two or three
days. As I had the whole picture
in my mind it all came forth
easily, but very slowly. In fact,
it could have been written out
two or three times in longhand
in the same period.

As each document was com-
pleted after being checked I sent
it to my professional colleagues
as an expression of my personal
convictions. They were at the
same time preparing papers of
their own for the combined Staff
conferences. I was glad to find
that although my theme was
more general and their more
technical there was our usual
harmony on principles and
values. No differences were ex-
pressed which led to argument,
and very few of the facts re-
quired correction. Thus, though
nobody was committed in pre-
cise or rigid fashion, we all
arrived with a body of doctrine
of a constructive character, on
which we were broadly united.

Reasons

The first paper assembled the
reasons why our main objective
for the campaign of 1942 in the
European theatre should be the
occupation of the whole coastline
of Africa and of the Levant
from Dakar to the Turkish frontier
by British and American forces.
The second dealt with the mea-
sures which should be taken to
regain the command of the
Pacific, and specified May, 1942,
as the month when this could be
achieved. It dwelt particularly
upon the need to multiply air-
craft-carriers by improvising
them in large numbers. The
third declared as the ultimate
objective the liberation of Europe
by the landing of large Anglo-
American armies wherever was
thought best in the German-
conquered territory, and fixed the
year 1943 as the date for this
supreme stroke.

I gave these three papers to
the President before Christmas.
I explained that while they were
my own personal views, they did
not supersede any formal com-
munications between the Staffs.
I couched them in the form of
memoranda for the British Chiefs
of Staff Committee. Moreover,
I told him they were not written
expressly for his eye, but that I
thought it important that he
should know what was in my
mind and what I wanted to be
done and so far as Great Britain
was concerned, would try to bring
to action. He read them imme-
diately after receiving them, and
the next day asked whether he
might keep copies of them. To
this I gladly assented.

(To be continued)

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Eden's account

Mr. Eden's account gives in his
own words the ending of his talks
with Stalin in Moscow.

We took leave of one another
in a very friendly atmosphere.
After my explanations Mr. Stalin
seemed fully to understand
our inability to create a second
front in Europe at the present
time. He showed considerable
interest in the progress of our
Libyan offensive and regarded
it as most desirable to knock
out Italy on the principle that
the Axis would collapse with
the destruction of its weakest
link.

He did not consider that he
was yet strong enough to con-
tinue the campaign against
Germany and also to provoke
hostilities with Japan. He
hoped by next spring to have
restored his Far Eastern army
to the strength which it had
before he had been obliged to
draw units off for the West.
He did not undertake to declare
war on Japan next spring, but
only to reconsider the matter
then, although he would prefer
that hostilities should be
opened by the Japanese, as he
seemed to expect might be the
case.

The eight days' voyage [to the
United States] in December,
1941, with its enforced reduction
of current business, with no
Cabinet meetings to attend or
people to receive, enabled me to
pass in review the whole war as
I saw and felt it in the light of
sudden vast expansion. I re-
called Napoleon's remark about
the value of being able to look
back on the whole of a long
time without being tired. I
felt that I had done this. I
felt that I had done this. I
felt that I had done this.



Long to rain over us.
The Hong Kong Observatory is
handicapped in its predictions by
lack of co-operation from New
China.

The question is whether or not
we should retaliate by sending
them our typhoons.

"Total moon eclipse seen in
Hong Kong."
"Eclipse of moon not visible
here."
The conflict over recognition is
apparently being taken to the
highest levels.

French actress in alleged
kidnap found after three days,
still in a negligee.
Just when hope of tracing her
was becoming scanty.

Trafalgar.
"Trade is two-way street, says
Acheson."
With traffic cops at every
block.

Mr. Attlee is said to be well
aware of the increasing shortage
of Labour in Britain.

"Canton Reds remove bond
pressure on foreign firms."
It is not true, however, that
released from their bondage, the
tabernacle were seen dancing the
Yango in Shantien.

"No truck with the witch
hunters, says Truman."
It is understood the President
added: "I won't be railroaded
either."

Stalin is said to be suffering
from a heart attack.
This at least disproves the
theory that he has no heart.

A \$40-a-month office boy left
to look after \$100,000 of his firm's
money absconded with the cash
and was later gaoled.
No charge, of course, was made
against the firm.

Jonah of Arc.
The French announced "a
burning defeat" of dissident forces
in Indo-China.
Sounds like another excellent
opportunity for Hollywood to
indulge in a Technicolor epic,
with Britain in the habitual role
of wicked imperialist villain.

The idea behind the reported
American desire to bypass Mr.
Stachey with confidential, who
information was to reduce the
danger of Red war.

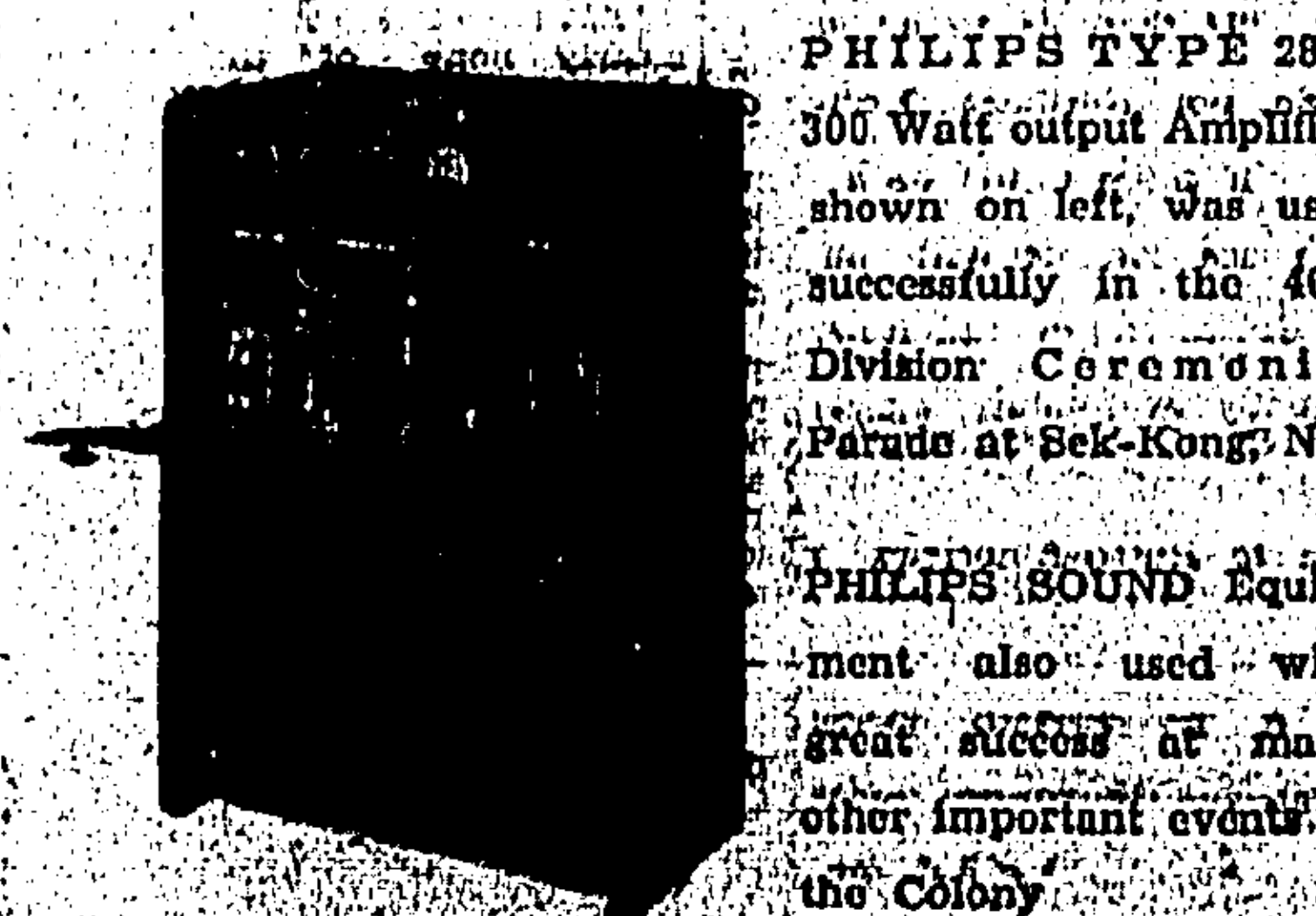
The Marshall Plan founder says
the U.S. must marshal its
resources to see the plan does
not founder.



"So in future don't expect to
see your old selfishness and
don't expect that it costs
\$62,000 a year to keep me in
reserve."

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GOOD PROGRESS IN DELHI CONFERENCE

Agreement on problem of minorities in Bengal

Now Delhi, April 3.

A joint communique was issued today on behalf of the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, now conferring here. It said that their conversations reviewed the situation in East and West Bengal and Assam primarily with a view to devising ways and means that would solve the immediate and urgent problem of restoring a full sense of confidence among minorities in these areas. The negotiations, which will deal with other common problems, will be resumed tomorrow, the communique said.

COMMUNIST SETBACKS IN FRANCE

Paris, April 3.

Communist officials admitted today that their Party is losing ground in France and passed down the word to do something about it.

The bad news, from the Communist standpoint, was given at the Party's first national congress in three years. The meeting was pitched on the theme "Fight for Peace".

Honore Drouot, Communist secretary-general from the Boy-scouts de France Department, said: "It is in the factories, that the struggle for peace can best be carried out. But in my Department, the situation is far from good. In 1948 we had 425 cells. Today, only 370 exist. Cells organised by sailors in Marseilles have disappeared completely. If we continue like this, we will become a Social Democratic Party."

Auguste Lecquer, member of the Party's Central Committee, pointed up the Party's weakness, made apparent by Communist setbacks in recent strikes and failure to disrupt Atlantic Pact arms shipments from the United States.

He said: "Too many Communists act today, as if there were nothing going on around them. We have too much of a tendency in certain cells to consider the struggle for peace a job for those appointed to assure its success."—United Press.

YUGOSLAVIA AND TRIESTE

Belgrade, April 3. The Vice-President of the Presidency of the Slovene Republic said today: "Yugoslavia will never renounce its claims to the free territory of Trieste."—United Press.

Vietminh offensive repulsed

Baigon, April 3. An offensive by Vietminh insurgent forces, described here as their most violent yet, has ended in a burbling defeat, a French communique said today.

The offensive has been raging for over a week in the Travinh Province, about 70 miles South of here.

Very good results were obtained when French aircraft battled to free a light reconnaissance group, attacked by a strong Vietminh force, the communique added.

"Several fierce attacks, which led at times to hand to hand struggles, were repulsed. Our snipers and infantry surprised the assailants from the rear and forced them to retreat, leaving behind several hundred dead and wounded."

"Very important quantities of armaments fell into our hands."—Reuter.

GENERAL COLLINS IN EGYPT

Cairo, April 3. General J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, arrived in Cairo by air tonight for conferences with senior Egyptian military officers.

General Collins, accompanied by four U.S. Army Colonels, went directly to Abidine Palace, where he signed the official register as a gesture of respect to King Farouk. General Collins came here from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He is to remain in Egypt until Thursday, when he is to fly to Tripoli, where the U.S. maintains a big air base.—Associated Press.

BRITISH REDS' "PEACE CALL"

London, April 3.

The British Communist Party said today that United States leaders should be branded "war criminals" for being the first to use the atom bomb.

It also called for agreement between the great powers. The Party made the statement in a "call for peace."—United Press.

Communist activity in Madras Province

Madras, April 3.

Communist activity in the Andhra district of Madras Province has reached the tempo and mood of guerrilla warfare, Professor N.G. Ranga, the Indian Member of Parliament, said here today.

"Large bands of well-organised Communists make raids on villages and wreak vengeance on people who resist their demands for arms and booty," he said.

"Ransom is even being extracted from people for immunity from Communist attacks," he added.

Professor Ranga was speaking at a Press interview on a resolution passed today by the Executive Committee of the Andhra branch of the Indian National Congress Party, asking the Indian Government to take over from

the Madras Government the primary responsibility for maintaining law and order in that part of Madras Province.

The resolution asked the Indian Government to step in to fight the two-year-old Communist campaign of violence in the area. It mentioned four districts bordering Hyderabad State as being affected by lawlessness and violence.

Professor Ranga said the Committee is convinced that it is beyond the resources of the Madras Government to root out Communist violence.

Madras Law Minister, Mr. K. Madhava Menon, said later that the Andhra Congress Party's resolution was absolutely uncalled for. He added: "It is only an attempt to create unnecessary panic."

Mr. Madhava Menon, who was commenting on the resolution in the absence of the Prime Minister, who is on a tour of the province, said that the Andhra Congress Executive Committee, which had a report of appreciation of what the Madras Government has been doing to put down Communist violence in those areas.—Reuter.

CHOU BLAMES HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

San Francisco, April 3.

The Chinese Communist Premier-Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, put the full blame for the recent sabotage of seven aircraft of the China National Aviation Corporation at Kai Tak airport on the Hong Kong Government.

He also accused the Hong Kong Government of impeding the taking off of the 71 planes claimed by the Communists for airfields in China.

Chou's statement was carried by the Peking radio. It said: "The Hong Kong Government must be held fully and directly responsible for the incident. In which seven civil planes belonging to China were wrecked in a forbidden military zone, guarded by British police."

"Since the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Central People's Government ordered Liu Ching-yi, General Manager of the China National Aviation Corporation, and Chen Chao-lin, General Manager of the Central Air Transport Corporation, to Hong Kong to take over the property of the two air corporations on January 13, 1950, the Hong Kong Government, on the one hand, has impeded the civil planes belonging to China from taking off for their homeland, while on the other hand, it has never seriously taken measures to protect the planes stationed in the forbidden military zone in Hong Kong."

"Fully responsible"

"This enabled criminal elements to undertake the sabotage. Therefore, the Hong Kong Government must be held fully and directly responsible for the present losses incurred by China, and must immediately transfer all property of CNAC and CATC in Hong Kong to the personnel entrusted by the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Central People's Government to deal with them."

MOSCOW EYES ON TURKEY

London, April 3.

A Radio Moscow broadcast alleged today that the American imperialists are ruining Turkish economy.

The broadcast, quoting an article in the newspaper "Pravda," said the United States forced their military aid on Turkey, and that, under the banner of aid, the American imperialists have drawn Turkey into the orbit of their adventurist policy, depriving her of her national independence.

The broadcast said that the area of Turkish land under cultivation is 27 per cent less than in 1948, and that the 1949 harvest was only 40 per cent as much as in the previous year.

It said "As a result of constant exactions and ruin of millions of peasants, famine reigns in 22 villages of Turkey. In the villages on the Black Sea coast alone, more than 1,500,000 peasants are starving. Although 80 per cent of the population of the country are illiterate, the sum allocated for the building of schools and the training of teachers is less than that assigned for the building of prisons and police stations."

Resistance among workers is growing, the broadcast said, and at a meeting in Nalsert, workers put forth the slogan, "Drive the American invaders out!"—United Press.

POST WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM

Seoul, April 3.

Lee Suk-Such, Prime Minister of the South Korean Republic, resigned today because he felt that his post was beyond his capabilities.

Mr. Lee said that he was not a statesman and had only served as a leader during the Japanese occupation.

He became the first Prime Minister of the American-occupied Republic in August, 1948.

President Syngman Rhee accepted the resignation, which is not expected to mean a change of Government.—Reuter.

MAYOR IN A GRIM MOOD

Washington, April 3.

Mayor Elmer Robinson of San Francisco said today that an atomic attack could make this city the world's largest ghost town from which the entire population would have to be excluded for four years or more.

Mayor Robinson told the Joint House Senate Atomic Energy Committee "We are not prepared to protect ourselves against results of an atomic attack."

He criticised the military for ridiculous rules of secrecy which hamper civil defence protection. The military seemed to be primarily interested in protecting military strength.

Mr. Robinson joined G. A. Finkelson, co-ordinator of the Milwaukee relief committee, in urging prompt Federal action to give the people as much information as possible about planning to meet atomic and hydrogen bomb attacks.

Mayor Robinson accused the Federal Government of furnishing the ball of civilian defence and urged that the policy of total defence be inaugurated immediately by the Federal Government.—United Press.

Scientist states an atomic war is virtual certainty

Ottawa, April 3.

One of Canada's leading atomic energy scientists said today that the present generation may be involved in atomic war and the next generation almost certainly will be.

Dr. L. G. Cook, head of the chemistry branch of Canada's atomic energy project at Chalk River, Ontario, told the Rotary Club of Ottawa:

"You may be involved in a war in which atomic bombs are used. Your children almost certainly will be. As citizens of democracy you must know the details of these developments, must assist your Government to make wise decisions in a precarious world."

Dr. Cook described the heavy water atomic energy pile installation at Chalk River as the simplest and finest little atomic bonfire in the world. It is burning merrily and similar atomic bonfires are burning in the United States, Britain and France, and certainly Russia too. Others are projected for Norway, Sweden and Australia.

Dr. Cook said some people—whom he did not identify, although from the context it was understood he referred to lawmakers—had imposed such great secrecy that the general public was kept in the dark, and scientists themselves were prevented from discussing their work.

"Some people who do not understand clearly the simple fact that we are going to live today, and who believe there must be a secret to be guarded, are consequently trying to prevent scientists in their countries from discussing their work frankly and publicly with other scientists and with the citizens whom it vitally concerns," he continued.

"Our initial venture in atomic energy has been very successful. We can no more see where atomic energy will land us than primitive man with his knifing could see that it would lead to locomotives and blockbusters. The stakes in the atomic fire business are huge. It is said that the United States, the United Kingdom and Russia have given notice that they intended to go all out to win and he added, "Do you

think Canada should ante up the money and men and stay in the game? Or do you think we should let our little fire run its course and flicker out?"—United Press.

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Woman Today

LET'S FACE IT!

By Ingrid Etter

Pat Weible (pronounced Vibel) takes her face off and puts it on again at least 10 times a day. Any man listening in need not be frightened to death. This just means she removes her make-up and applies it again; it has nothing to do with a surgical operation.

Eight times out of the 10 she is showing the public exactly what a glamour girl looks like without make-up... to amaze them later at the transformation act.

Now I don't quite believe Pat's statement that she looks "pretty grim" in the mornings. It sounds like a consoling speech aimed at the less fortunate members of her sex.

But she is one of Hollywood's ace make-up girls (they're called artists when they reach her grade), with a roving commission from Max Factor, the beauty product firm, to show women the world over how it can be done in that skin-deep way. So if she won't mind a two-edged compliment I'll give her the benefit of the doubt and admit the lily is improved by gilding.

a multitude of other defects. Blue, green or grey-eyed women should use grey eye make-up on their lashes in the day-time, blue in the evening. Brown eyes need brown lashes; only the blackest of black eyes should be fringed with coal black lashes.

When you are touching up your lashes open your mouth slightly. You may feel silly but it does stop eye-black tears.

Steady hand

The cleanest lip outline is achieved by a lip brush—if you have a very steady hand.

Less lipstick on the lower lip makes your mouth look smaller. Rouge should be applied nearer the nose on plump faces, farther out on the cheek bones for those who wish for a rounder contour. Never powder without a make-up basis such as a foundation lotion or cream.

A good make-up should last for six hours and see you through the busiest day.

Those heavy, dark shades at the corner of the nose can be avoided by using a light powder first, before the darker, normal shade.

When you find your right powder shade, and foundation stick to them however much you experiment with lipstick and rouge.

N.B.—Don't despair at those first wrinkles. Pat says that nothing can quite efface them, anyhow.

Britain's turn now

Just aged 24 and too young to be less, with a honey-coloured petal cut and a persuasive voice, Pat has been telling women from Australia to Mexico about facial beauty, as a high-powered executive of her firm.

It's Britain's turn now and Pat will show her face "before, during and after" from opening to closing time at Selfridges.

After each demonstration she'll tell interested shoppers—tactfully—what is wrong with their appearance.

It takes Pat exactly 10 minutes—20 if she is talking at the time—explaining her actions—to achieve those soft-fringed blue eyes, the mat texture of her skin, the faint blush mantling her cheeks and the wide red bow of her mouth.

Prefers own face

She could do it in her sleep, of course, and must by now know the exact number of her own lashes (and perhaps even be sick of the sight of her perfect features in a mirror). But this Hollywood-born young woman prefers working on her own face to making it world famous on the screen.

At 16 she started on her beauty career with, she swears, "absolutely no wish to break into pictures. You'd understand if you saw the number of lovely and sad girls in my home town."

Pat has only kind things to say about British women's looks and lovely complexions. But she also has some useful advice to pass on.

Even stars listen to her. Don't be afraid of making up. The women who lose their complexions fastest are the "back to nature" types who just put on a dab of powder when they come up to town or go out for the evening. Their skins go weather-beaten and coarse quite soon.

Actresses who make up heavily, if expertly, usually have very good skins. Remember to "take your face off" at night: first with a good cleansing cream, then by washing. Any other nourishing creams are best applied just before retiring into your bath and wiped off afterwards.

Quite an awful

Try eye make-up. Most of your facial expression lies in your eyes. Beautiful eyes camouflage

Evening frocks

Women looking for an evening frock for special occasions this spring could not do better than bear in mind two Paris models. Both have many fashion points likely to be adapted by manufacturers here.

The long frock, by Dior, has the famous "scissor" line likely to be seen for day as well as for evening wear.

It has a very slimming effect. This model was in fine navy wool—a colour much used this winter, especially in alliance with black which is shown here in the "scissors" of black tulle.

The long navy suede gloves soften the general line, and the important necklace relieves the severity of the short hair cut.

The short frock by Piguet is in a combination of satin and black velvet the satin being finely striped in raspberry red and black: the result even at a short distance is to give the red a lovely bloom.

The asymmetrical neckline is not as unpractical as may appear at first glance, for the high points can be folded down when wearing a wrap.

Shoes worn with these and other evening models had high slender heels; if they were strapped models, the straps were very slender.



Your Easter wardrobe

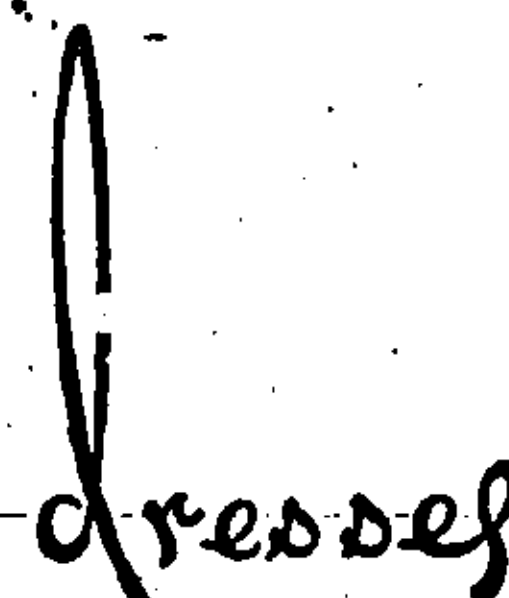
By IRIS ASHLEY and FRANCIS MARSHALL

Easter is only a few days away and here is a suggested outfit which would see you through a normal week-end—even in this unreliable climate.

First of all, the suit sketched here is right in line with what we saw in the Paris collections, pure Spring 1950.

beret (NOT a scarf) for more relaxed headgear. What if it rains? Well, you could take an umbrella. Me, I stay indoors.

Renommée



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On the left a very new, young-looking jersey in fine black wool, designed by Dorville. The fish effect is achieved by a wide band of fine ribbing. It will pull up to quite a high neckline to wear with the suit—or an odd skirt. And, as you see, it can be nicely decollete for evening. An especially good design for teenagers.

Also for evening you can ring the changes by wearing either the jersey or the simple lace blouse with a taffeta skirt.

I would advise a pleated (or full) skirt and low-heeled shoes in case you go walking. And a



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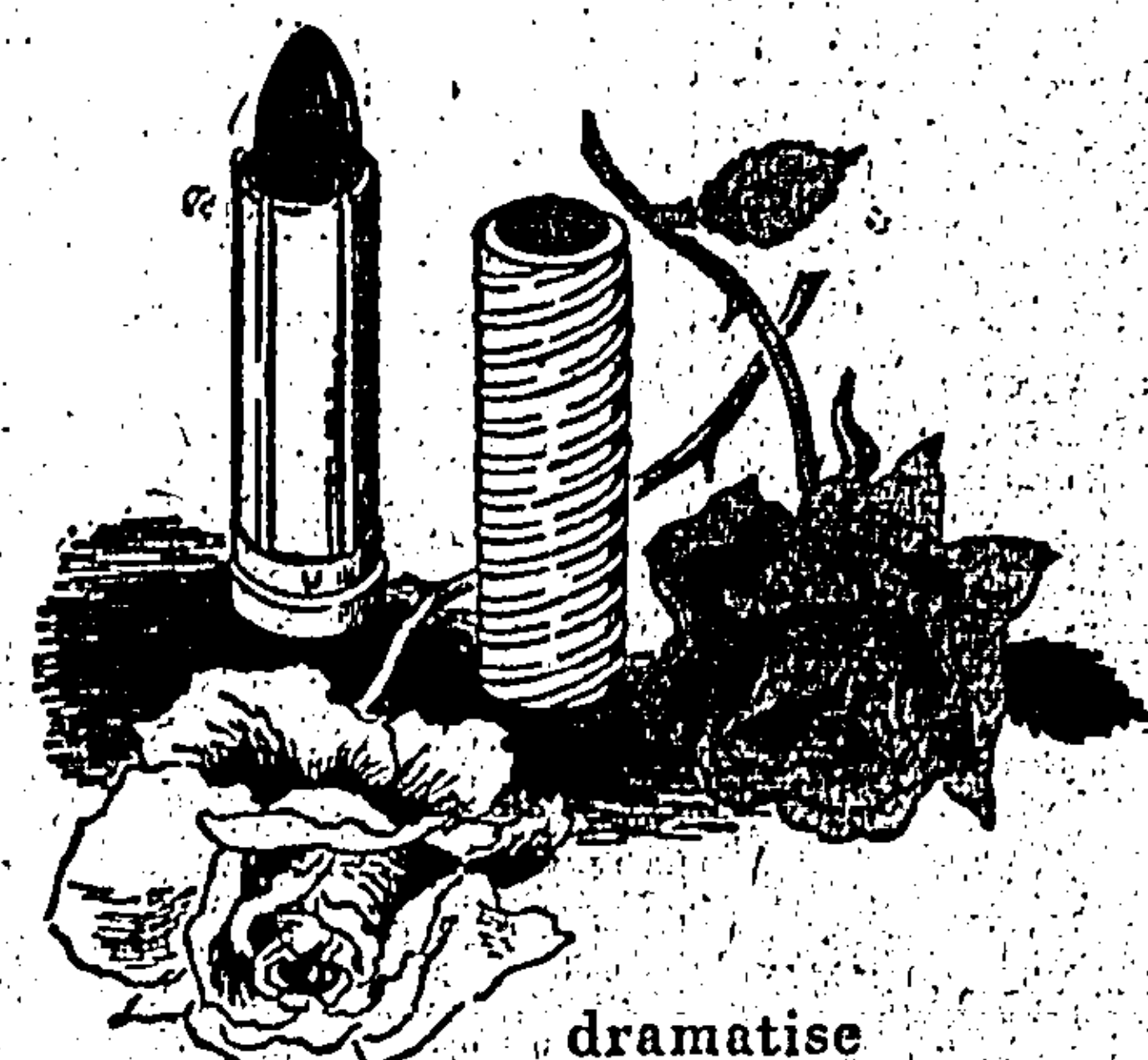
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London at the week-end

The best impressionist survey of the new Parliament is given in this week's "Time and Tide."

"After a fortnight of showing its paces, the new Parliament has proved to be a good, lively, competent and healthy Parliament, and a distinct improvement on its predecessor.... So strong is the contrast between this Parliament and the last that it is tempting to challenge the popular theory that only a Government with a working majority can be a good Government. It is too early to say whether this new Government is a good one. But it is certain that it will have little opportunity to be the bad Government so often proved itself before February 23. For one thing the Government has benefited from the reversal of roles of the two sides of the House. Reasoned argument, not barnstorming, is now the vogue on the Government front bench. No doubt the fate of Mr. Aneurin Bevan is held up to Ministers as a cautionary tale. For Mr. Bevan, after two attempts this week, has signally failed to repeat his easy triumphs. All the old tricks were trotted out—the irrelevant questions hurled at the Opposition, the repetition of the press, that formidable repertoire of gesture, ending with the panther-like crouch at the dispatch box. But to no avail. For all save a handful of the faithful, old tricks had lost their glamour. It was like watching the Demon Banker in the End."

"The Economist," continuing the long debate on why Labour lost so heavily at the election, looks deeper than all the reasons so far given, and finds the explanation in a bankruptcy of thought in the Labour Party. It asks what the left wing of the Party means by its demand for "more socialism." It will not accept "more socialisation" as the answer. "The Labour Party has

never been in the least clear what it wanted to do with industries when it had bought control of them." People were disappointed by the results of nationalisation.

By Windrush

The nationalised industries were carried on much as they had always been. "It does not take much boldness in prophecy to conclude that the nationalisation of industry, as a policy, is certainly moribund and quite possibly dead."

"The Economist" and that left wing of the party is divided between two main ideas about future policy. One is that there should be more inflation and more controls, as the best way of maintaining full employment. "The other strain, visible particularly among the followers of Mr. Bevan, is simply to intensify the war against property and success of all kinds, on the principle of Dumbarton Fair—see a head, hit it."

Morrison plan

These are the ideas of the left wing of the party. The right wing, led by Mr. Herbert Morrison, is in favour of "pursuing an empirical, opportunistic policy, moving towards its general objective of ideological purity. The Tories, after all, got on very well for a great many years without much that was discernible in the way of a policy."

The disadvantage of this latter course, say the "Economists," is that it would eliminate "the great stream of progressive thought that has run through so many generations of British politics, and which has even believed that it is society's duty, by taking thought, to reform itself and to control the environment within which it lives."

"The Economist" concludes that, because of the intellectual

bewilderment of the Labour Party, its weakness will become in future even more apparent than it was at the last election. It can remedy it only by scrapping its ideas which have become out of date, and thinking out a realistic new programme. "If the Labour Party could set itself to this task and could bring to it the same gifts that inspired the early Fabians, it could yet rally to itself that great central mass of liberal and radical opinion whose support it has now so patently failed to retain."

The most original article in the Press this week is by the veteran thinker, Sir Norman Angell. His flair has always been to reveal to the public the "greit" general pattern of affairs which the public, with its interest in details, has failed to notice. In "Time and Tide" he writes about the future of the Commonwealth. He says that it is very strange, as indeed it is, that we have failed to appreciate that, but for the enormous migration from Europe to America in the seventies, eighties and nineties of the last century, America could never have achieved the strength which enabled it to save Europe from Hitler in the last war, and to protect it against Russia today.

Moral for us

In the eighteen sixties, America was a country of 30,000,000, racked by exhausting civil war by inflation, and by bitter racial conflict. Today it is a country of 150,000,000 people, economically and militarily the most powerful State in the world. "What has given it its strength is, firstly, the laws, institutions, ideas and customs of life on which the American State was based; second, and indispensable, the sheer inflow of population from Europe to live under these institutions."

Sir Norman says that there is a moral in this for the Commonwealth. We, like America, have institutions and ways of life which give us strength. We have, like America, abundant land and resources. But the Commonwealth is fatally weakened as a world power by its lack of population. "The Commonwealth must do what the United States has already done. It must convert the 30,000,000 of its overseas Dominions into something near the 150,000,000 of the United States today; must achieve, that is, by means of a population able to turn the Commonwealth's resources to account, a capacity for Britain to stand upon its own feet unaided, and for the Commonwealth as a whole to play a part in the defence of the West as great as that which the United States now plays.... But achievement will be quite impossible without a liberal, though not unrestricted, immigration policy, much freer than that adopted by the Dominions until yesterday."

"The Economist" notes an interesting fact about Sino-Russian relations. At the banquet given by the Soviet Government in Moscow to Mao Tse-tung it was notable that the Vice-Chairman of the Manchurian Regional Administration was given precedence by mention in the Soviet official report over the Chinese Ambassador to the Soviet Union. There is unlikely to have been any accident in this, or the Russians attach very great importance to matters of protocol. "The Economist" sees other evidence that Russia intends to try to keep Manchuria at least semi-detached from China. Russia's economic interest in Manchuria has never been so great as at present. With the military and industrial development of Eastern Siberia, this part of the Soviet Union has become a food-deficiency area. For climatic reasons, its agricultural production cannot be increased. "It is therefore highly convenient for the Russians to feed Eastern Siberia from the food surplus of Manchuria. But China wishes also to use Manchuria foodstuffs to supply its own food deficiencies. The Soviet effort to integrate the Manchurian economy with Siberia rather than with the rest of China can therefore be a permanent potential cause of conflict between Peking and Moscow."

London dock strike threat removed

London, April 3. The immediate threat of another spring strike on the London docks was removed today when the Communist-tinged committee of the rebel dockers called off their week-old ban on overtime work. The committee said that the slowdown, originally expected to run three weeks, was being called off in the interest of the general public.

However, the committee's claim that they had been 90 per cent effective, was disputed by management officials. They said no more than 12 ships had been delayed daily, and that the ban was lifted because of poor response among the dockers. It had been feared that the movement would blossom into a general dock strike.—United Press.

EMPIRE TALKS ON OIL

London, April 3. A secret Commonwealth oil conference ended in London today after deciding on concrete proposals to cut dollar purchases in favour of Sterling.

Delegates of nine countries unanimously approved a curtailment programme to be sent to their Governments for confirmation or otherwise.

No official announcement was made, and the actual figures of the proposed cuts were not divulged. The countries represented at the conference were Britain, Australia, Canada, Ceylon, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia. Today's was the fifth session of the conference, which began a week ago in Whitehall.

The conference was understood to have been mainly concerned with the financial aspects of the Sterling Area oil position. The delegates were believed to have examined the supply position of Sterling oil and to have reached their decision to propose cuts in the purchase of dollar oil on the basis of the proportionate availability of Sterling oil.

The conference was not concerned with any oil development or prospecting programmes, but dealt with oil simply as a limited commodity for which there is a world-wide demand. The British Government now awaits the replies of the eight Commonwealth Governments to the conference's proposals. There is to be no cutting of the Commonwealth's total requirements of oil. What will happen under the new plan, if approved, is that if a country cuts its purchases of dollar oil by, say, 10 per cent, then it will substitute for it an equivalent amount of Sterling oil. Thus, there will be no alteration in its total oil purchases.—Reuter.

Parma, April 3. A 10-hour general strike was called here today by the Communists to protest against the death of a worker in prison. The Communists charged that the worker, Luciano Filippelli, died from police beatings after his arrest during the nationwide Red agitation nine days ago. The police said he died of diabetes.—United Press.

GUARANTEE FOR GERMANY TO BE DISCUSSED

London, April 3. A security guarantee for Western Germany against Soviet aggression will be discussed by the Big Three Foreign Ministers at their meeting in London next month.

The guarantee, if agreed to by the West, would take the form of a three-power declaration warning any potential aggressor that an attack on Western Germany would set into operation Atlantic Pact defence machinery...

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that such a security guarantee is presumably under consideration by the British authorities.

Only yesterday the German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, appealed for a security guarantee in an interview with A.L. Bradford, Vice-President of the United Press. So far, however, the West remains divided on the advisability of such a formal guarantee.

France is understood to favour the principle of a three-power guarantee to Western Germany while the United States and Britain have hitherto maintained that the presence of the occupation forces in Western Germany provides a better guarantee than a written declaration. They further maintain that the North Atlantic Pact in itself establishes a satisfactory safeguard.

Nevertheless, some influential diplomats believe a three-power declaration of security would allay German fears of Soviet Russia and of the armed forces that are being trained and equipped in Eastern Germany.

Official British quarters estimate those "police" forces at 45,000. They are said to be equipped with firearms and machine-guns and latest reports indicate they are also being trained in the use of tanks.

German request

Advocates of a security guarantee further contend that it would help to abate the German demand for an armed force once the West has formally established its responsibility for the defence of Germany.

A formal request for such a guarantee was made by Dr. Adenauer to the High Commissioners a few months ago.

The Foreign Office spokesman today stressed that this request had not been rejected and said that it is still being considered by the Foreign Office. There had been no exchanges on this subject with the United States State Department thus far.

Diplomatic quarters here, therefore, expect the question to be discussed by the U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, when they meet here on May 8.—United Press.

IRAQ WANTS LOAN

London, April 3. An Iraqi delegation has arrived in London to negotiate for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Iraqi Legation here said today.

The amount which the Iraqi Government is seeking has not been made public. The loan is to be used for irrigation projects and the Government is reported to have offered oil royalties and other income as security.—Associated Press.

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Russia walks out again at UN

Lake Success, April 3.

The Soviet Union and Poland walked out of the United Nations Social Commission today because China was represented there by the Nationalists and not the Communists.

The delegates, Mr. V. I. Formashev, representing the Soviet Union, and Mr. Julius Katz-Suchy, of Poland, both stalked from the room after the Commission had sustained, by 12 votes to three, a ruling by the chair that the Russian demand for the expulsion of the Chinese Nationalist delegate was out of order.

This is the 10th time a Russian delegate has walked out from the United Nations body over the issue of Chinese representation. The Social Commission comprises 18 members, but the representatives of the United States and New Zealand did not vote and the delegate from Iraq was absent.

Mr. W. G. Sutch, of New Zealand, was in the chair when the Commission convened and ruled that the Soviet Union was out of order on the ground that the membership of the Commission was a matter for the Economic

and Social Council, its parent body. Mr. Formashev challenged the ruling, which was then upheld by the Commission.

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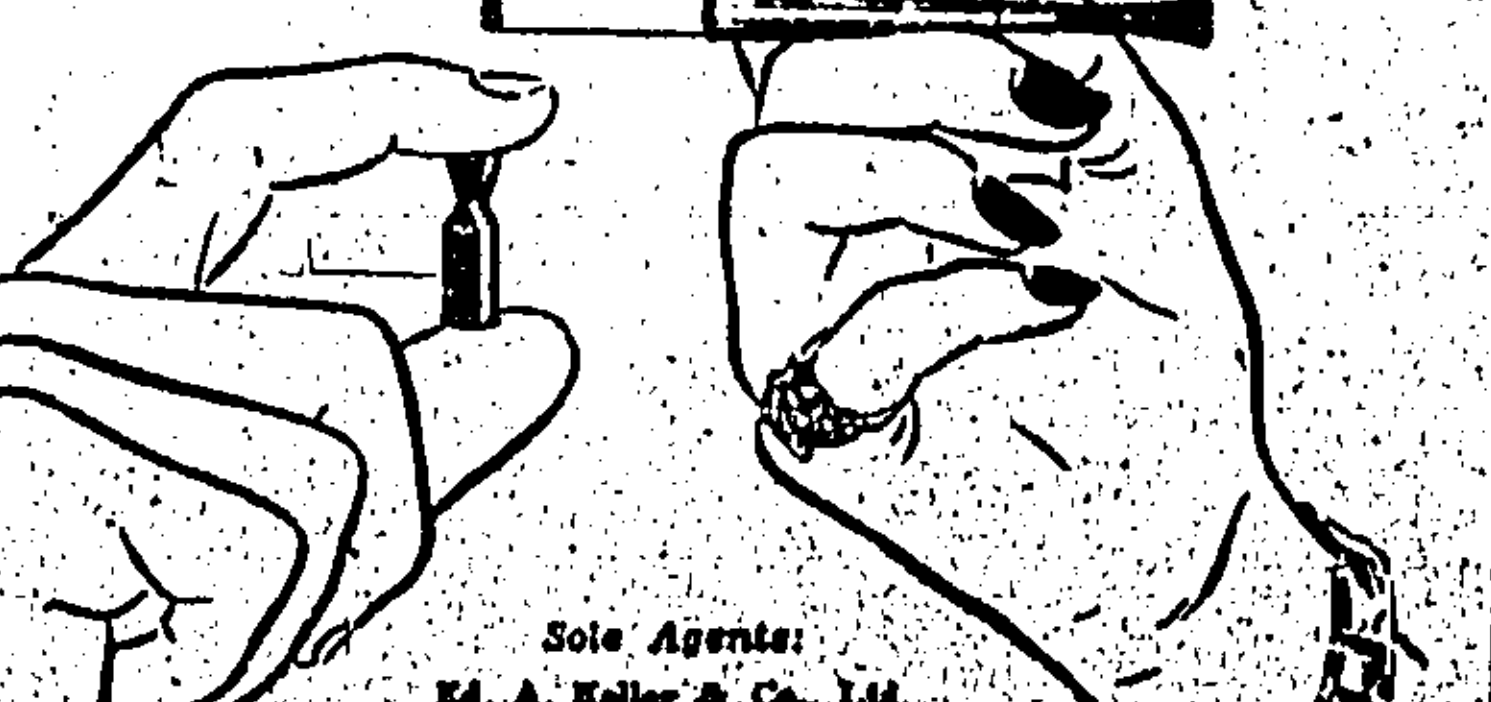
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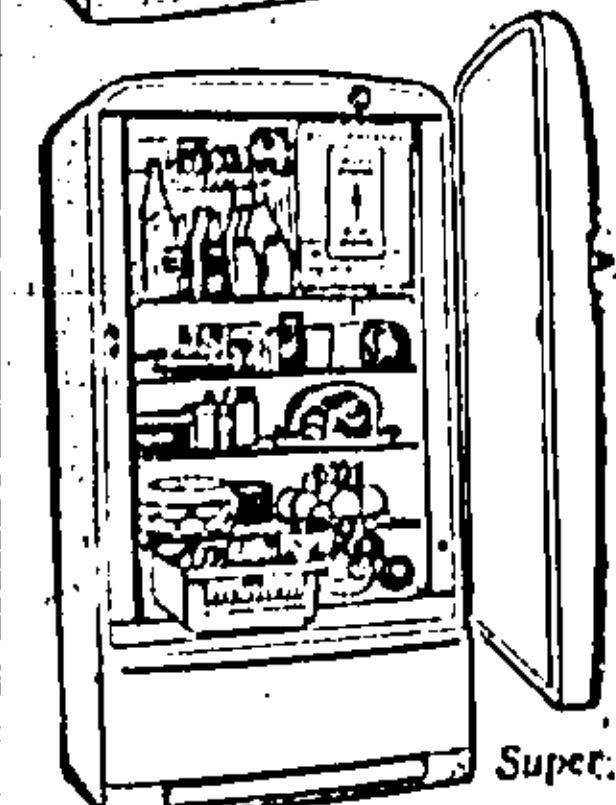
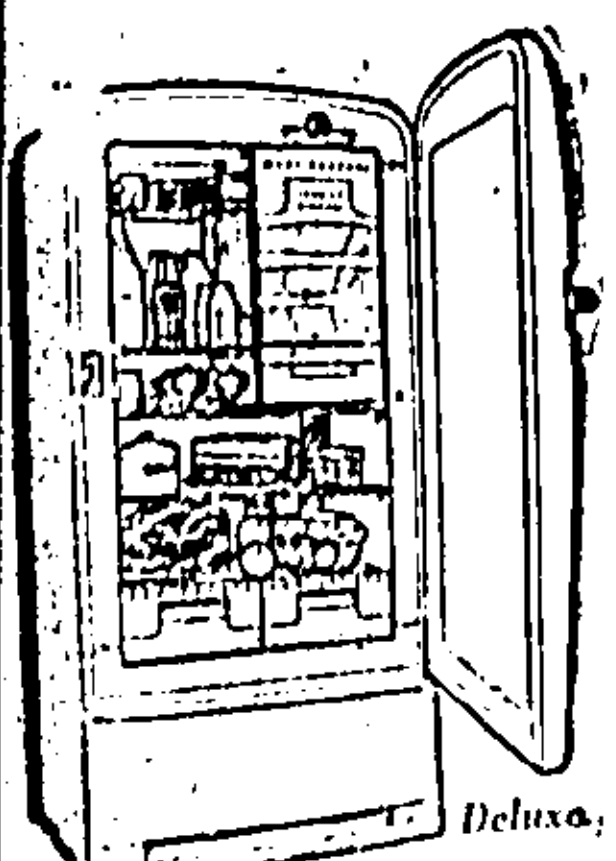
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

What shall we
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By Betty Betz



What shall we call ourselves?

Many tell me they're tired of being tagged as teen agers so I asked my readers to dig up a new term.

Best of the bunch came from Margaret March-Mount of Hollywood who suggests "tom-agers"... Like it? What are the most popular careers for young people today? In a recent survey made in connection with your columnist's new Career Book, I learned that 50 per cent of the boys want to go into television and 60 per cent of the girls would like to become fashion or photographers' models... Sheila Farmer of Long Beach, California, sends the scorchiest fad on the Coast today... The girls knit two inch wide angora cuffs to slip over their ordinary everyday bobby socks.

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Would you like to write to an unseen chum in Siam, Japan, Africa or any one of 67 countries? Some kids write to as many as a dozen new friends in foreign lands. This is one way you individually can contribute to promoting goodwill and understanding throughout the world... If you want pen pals abroad, drop a note stating your age, which countries interest you, and a little

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Carol Channing, the young comedienne, who became famous overnight for her impersonation of a 1920's flapper in the revival of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," tells me that her stage career began when she was in high school back in San Francisco.

"I used to do impersonations of the teachers who gave me poor marks. They heard about my act and put it on an assembly program. When I found I could make an audience laugh, I decided to make show business my career."

Many a star was born right on a high school stage and big blonde Carol Channing, for one, might never have realized her potentialities if she hadn't the courage to get up and caricature her teachers.

Bob Sterling, in town from Hollywood to see the shows, gave me his definition of a bathing beauty... "A girl worth wading for"... Peter Lawford from the Stork Club, passing out beauty tips... "An easy way for a girl to have beautiful legs is to be born with them!"

The lucky winners of the Los Angeles "newspaper carrier" contest recently returned from a twelve-day flying trip to Alaska where they met real teen age Eskimos and went over the old trail of '98 to see relics of the gold rush days, and even did a little prospecting themselves. After spending the afternoon unsuccessfully panning for gold, the boys decided there was less work home!

Handsome, 24-year-old (youngest name band leader in the country) Elliot Lawrence is always on hand and willing to contribute his time and talent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. One of the reasons might be because as a child of six, Elliot suffered from polio himself, which paralyzed his hands. He gave himself therapy by playing the piano, his fingers gradually returned to normalcy, and today he's one of America's top pop piano artists.

A new gimmick for fashion shows... We're putting on a "Young World" fashion show at the Hotel Pierre working in cooperation with the "Save the Children Federation". Each young guest will be given a cardboard carton addressed to some unfortunate child overseas to be packed with yesterday's toys and clothing, and mailed in time to arrive for Christmas. Here's the poem we used on the invitations... "Now you're buying something new,

Think of other children, too. If you have used clothes to spare Send them something warm to wear!

Tony Martin's impersonation of Vaughn Monroe's singing is really "Vaughn-derfull"... President Juan Trippie of Pan American Airways will be given a cardboard carton addressed to some unfortunate child overseas to be packed with yesterday's toys and clothing, and mailed in time to arrive for Christmas. Here's the poem we used on the invitations... "Now you're buying something new,

Platter chatter

The latest samba which is catching like wild fire is Enjoy Yourself It's Later Than You Think.

BEST OF THE NEW ISSUES MARGARET WHITING: Sorry; The Sun Is Always Shining.

Be Mine; I Said My Pajamas. DINAH SHORE: It's So Nice To Have A Man Around The House.

More Than Anything In The World. Sitting By The Window.

PATTI PAGE: With My Eyes Wide Open I'm Dreaming.

Oklahoma Blues. What's Wrong With Me. Goody Good-bye.

VIC DAMONE: Sitting By The Window. Nice To Know You Care.

BING CROSBY: Sunshine Cake. Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy. The Yodel Blues.

AMES BROS:

Ring Mop.

EDDY HOWARD:

Peggy Dear.

Half A Heart Is All You Left Me.

Bright Eyes.

Put Your Arms Around Me.

JOHN LAURENZ:

Be Mine (La Paloma).

When You're In Love (La Golondrina).

STEVE GIBSON & HIS RED CAPS:

These Wedding Bells Are Breaking.

Up That Old Gang Of Mine.

I Love You; Blueberry Hill.

EILEEN BARTON:

I'd Be Baked A Cake If I Knew.

You Were Coming.

RICHARD HAYES:

The Old Master Painter.

Sell-outs of the week are Kitty Kallen's I Don't See Me In Your Eyes Anymore and Doris Day's My Dream Is Yours.

The Wren.

SUCCESS IN
RADIO FIELD

By Mary Margaret McBride

Conducts Engaging Radio Interviews with Celebrities and "Cheery-Chats" on Everything Else Under the Sun

What is the best preparation for a career in radio?

Frankly, I do not know the answer. I was a journalist and not eager to go on the air at all when I took my first radio job in 1934. The depression had hit my writing market, and it was desperation that made me try broadcasting.

Chance and circumstance work in all our lives, as my own experience shows. Brought up in rural Missouri, I worked my way through the State university's journalism school started as a cub reporter in Cleveland and then came on to write for a New York newspaper...

I went on to magazine writing and had many interesting assignments in Europe.

It is rash of me, who so often falls short, to say what qualities are needed to run a radio program, but I can outline my own ideal.

First comes sincerity. For some reason, radio has an uncanny way of showing up a phony. If you say only what you mean, and are always yourself, your listeners will be able to trust you.



Next comes a real interest in people and an affection for them. For the time you are on the air, at least, you must be more interested in the person you are interviewing and in the unseen people listening, than you are in yourself.

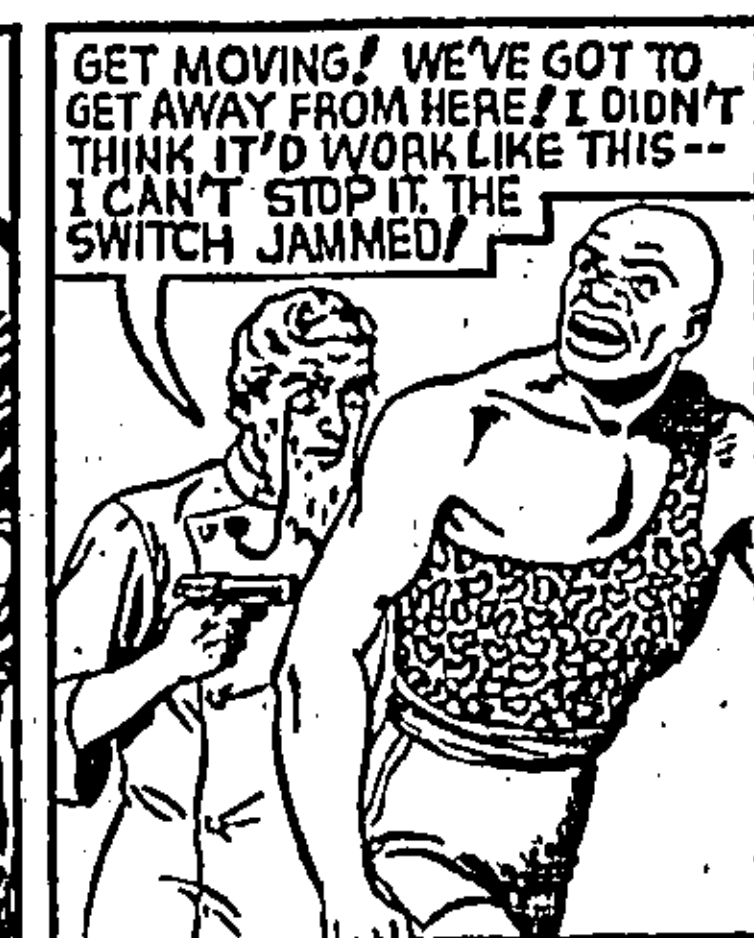
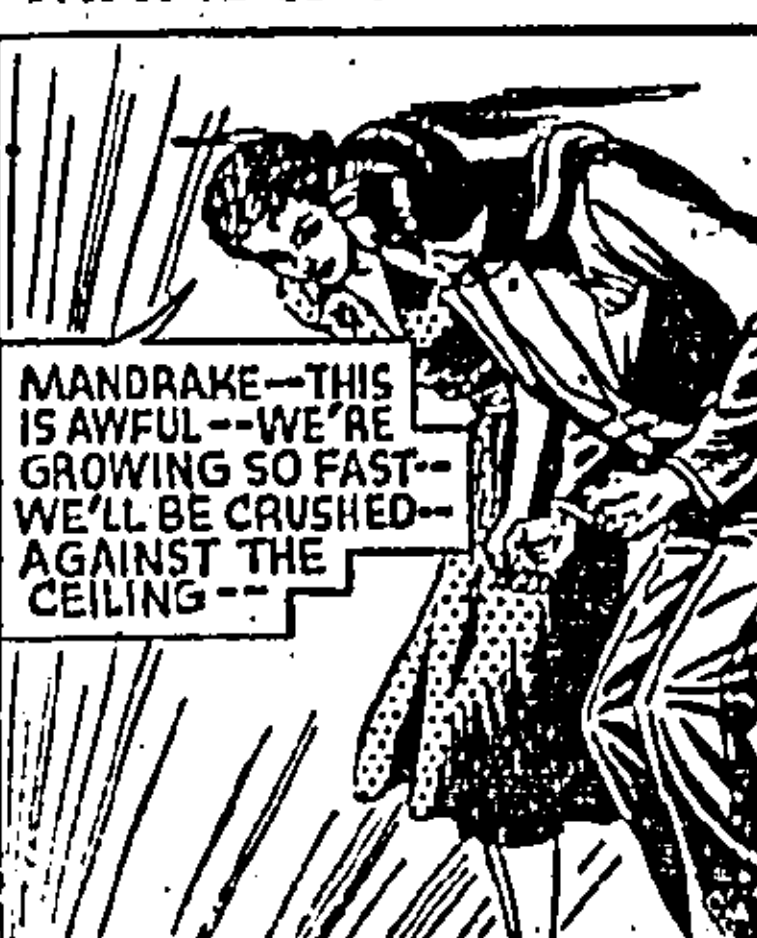
Voice is important, too. Although there are many ways of improving your voice, it is warmth, naturalness and sincerity in it that counts most.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



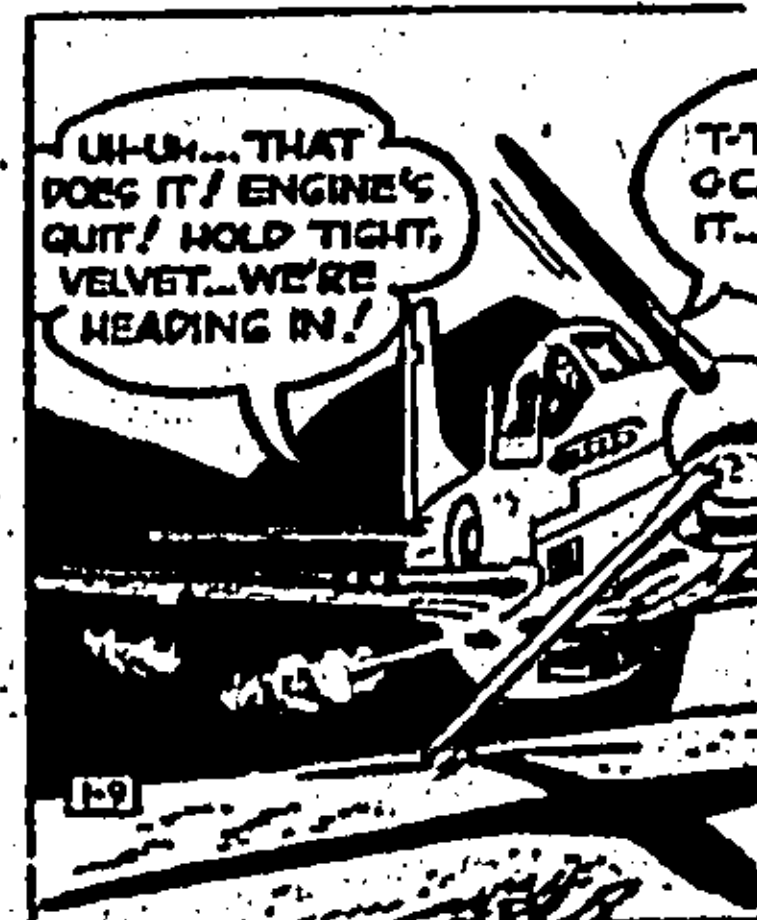
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JOHNNY HAZARD

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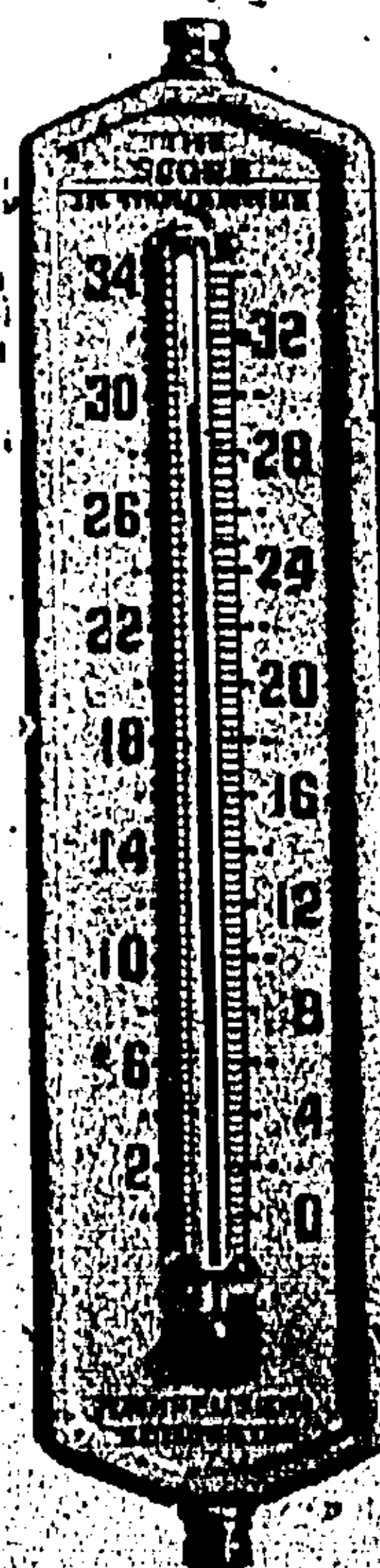


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 "TJIBADANE" 21st Apr. 26th Apr.

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MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

"BOISSEVAIN" 10th Apr.
 "STRAAT MALAKKA" 7th Apr. 10th Apr.
 "TEGELBERG" 13th May 1st June

* not calling Manila

JAPAN

"BOISSEVAIN" 9th Apr. 9th Apr.
 "STRAAT MALAKKA" 2nd May 15th May
 "TEGELBERG" 31st May 18th May

Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE

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"HOOGKERK" 8th Apr. 8th Apr.
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JAPAN

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"VASSILIS"	do	8th May
"BOROL"	do	18th May

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

APPEAL TO AMERICA FOR TRADE BALANCE

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There was not quite so much activity on Monday.

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4% Loan 90n.
 3 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1940) 98b.
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BANKS

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Canton Ins. 31 1/2n.
 Union Ins. 500b, 500s, 50 1/2n.
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SHANGHAI DOCKYARDS 45n.

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 Canton Iron 3 1/2n.
 Cements Ex. Rights 11 1/2b, 11 1/2n, 11 1/2n.
 H.K. Ropes 14n.

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Dairy Farms 39 1/2n.
 Watsons Ex. Rights 27b, 28s.
 L. Crawford 21 1/2b.
 Sinceres 3 1/2b.
 China-Emporium 9 1/2b.
 Sun Co. Ltd. 23b.
 Kwong Sang Hong 97b.
 Wing On (G.L.S.) 62b.
 Wm. Powell, Ltd. 9 1/2n.

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China Entertainments 15s.
 H.K. Constructions (O) 240n.
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 Vibro Filings 11 1/2n.
 Marsman, Investments 9 1/2n.
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 Chemor United 55sn.
 Cheng Rubbers 15n.
 Consolidated Rubbers 2b.
 Dominion Rubbers 130n.
 Kota Bahoe 30n.
 Kowloon Javos 15b.
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 Tanah Menehs 55b.
 Tebong Rubbers 15n.
 Ziangbo Rubbers 30n.

Washington, April 3.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today appealed to the United States to balance its trade with Europe and the world.

Addressing an Economic Co-Operation Administration staff meeting to mark the mid-point of the Marshall Plan, he said, "We recognise that trade is a two-way street, for us as well as for them, and that we bear a large responsibility for achieving a satisfactory balancing of our trade with Europe and the world."

Mr. Acheson's remarks came within 24 hours after President Truman had directed Mr. Gordon Gray, retiring Secretary of the Army, to draw up a plan to help foreign countries find dollars to pay for American goods when the Marshall Plan ends in 1952.

With the revival of production in Western Europe, Mr. Acheson said, recovery in trade had now become the second great objective to which the Marshall Plan must be addressed in its remaining two years.

"The recovery of trade, however, is largely an international problem, requiring a high degree of co-operative give and take and difficult, even painful, adjustments," he said.

"We are aware that it is difficult for the Governments of the participating countries, faced with large needs and inadequate reserves, to risk in practice what their own self-interest commands."

No relaxing

Mr. Acheson warned against a relaxation of effort, both in the United States and in Western Europe, if the economic recovery sought under the Marshall Plan was to be achieved.

He expressed confidence that with perseverance the participating nations would succeed in re-asserting the vigour of free institutions.

Despite efforts of the Communists to undermine the Marshall Plan, he said, it lights a path to a future to which man can look with confidence for peace and order in a system based on freedom and justice.

He expressed regret that it had not proved possible for all the peoples of Europe, including those behind the Iron Curtain, to join hands in the Marshall Plan.—Reuter.

Money Market

US dollars were slightly weaker yesterday, opening at HK\$24 1/4 and closing at HK\$23 1/4. The highest rate was HK\$24 1/4, and the closing rate was the lowest.

TT opened at HK\$30 3/4 and dropped to HK\$28 1/4 at the close.

Sterling opened at HK\$15 1/2 and closed at HK\$15 1/4.

Australian dollars were stationary at HK\$12 1/2.

Plasters were unchanged at HK\$11 1/4.

Ticals at HK\$27 1/4 were the same as on the previous day.

NEI Guilders dropped 50 cents to HK\$6 1/2.

LONDON STOCKS

Gilt-edged securities and industrials showed little activity on the London Stock Exchange today, while many foreign bonds moved lower. There was a decline in Japanese bonds, 1930 issues closing at 38-3/4, down one, 1907 issues were down 3/4 at 43-1/2, and 1910 issues were down one to 32-1/2.

Most industrials were unchanged.

Financial Times' index 105.4.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, April 3.

Crude rubber number one futures closed unchanged to 25 higher. Sales 60 contracts.

May 21.00
 July 19.90
 September 19.40
 December 18.75 bid.

Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets 20-3/4 nominal.—Associated Press.

CHINA REDUCES LOAN INTEREST

San Francisco, April 3.

People borrowing money from banks in Communist China have now to pay less interest than before, Peking Radio said tonight in reporting what it called striking reductions in interest rates.

Activity of rails has been watched closely in wall Street for several days because market analysts felt the advance of industrial production in the rail division as a bullish signal. Transfers were 1,570,000 shares. A total of 621 issues advanced and 238 declined.

Among the gainers were Santa Fe, Nickel Plate, Consolidated Fuel, Vanadium, Superior Oil of California, American Radiator, Lockheed, Texas Company.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 75.22, 20 Industrials 288.44, 15 Rails 66.42, 10 Utilities 42.82.

Closing prices—
 Adams Express 22
 American Can 115 1/4
 " Smelting 51 1/4
 " Telephone 155
 " Tobacco 71 1/4
 " Waterworks 11 1/4

Anaconda Copper 28 1/4
 Aviation Corp. 7 1/4
 Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/4
 Barnsdall 51 1/4
 Bendix Aviation 41 1/4
 Bethlehem Steel 34
 Boeing Aircraft 27 1/4
 Borden Co. 50 1/4
 Canadian Pacific 14 1/4
 J. I. Case 42 1/4
 Chrysler 60 1/4
 Colgate 43 1/4
 Commercial Solvent 16 1/4
 Corn Products 68 1/4
 Du Pont 69 1/4
 Eastman Kodak 40 1/4
 General Electric 40 1/4
 " Motors 78 1/4
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 Homestake Mining 43 1/4
 International Harvester 20 1/4
 " Paper 38 1/4
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Johns Manville 48 1/4
 Kennecott Copper 48 1/4
 Montgomery Ward 55 1/4
 National Distillers 23 1/4
 Lead 39 1/4
 New York Central 14 1/4
 Packard Motors 3 1/4
 Pan American Airways 0 1/4
 Pennsylvania RR 17 1/4
 Radio Corp. 18 1/4
 Remington Rand 12 1/4
 Republic Steel 26 1/4
 Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/4
 Schenley 30 1/4
 Sears Roebuck 44 1/4
 Shell Oil 38 1/4
 Soccon Vacuum 17 1/4
 Southern Pacific 33 1/4
 Standard Brands 42 1/4
 " Oil of Calif. 65 1/4
 " Oil of N. J. 69 1/4

Studebaker 30 1/4
 Union Bag 28 1/4
 US Rubber 41 1/4
 " Steel 31 1/4
 " Lines 16 1/4
 Westinghouse 33 1/4
 Youngstown Sheet & Tube 81 1/4
 Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 1/4

Bonds were generally high. Among the curb gainers were Technicolor, Cities Service and Canadian Marconi.—Associated Press.

TEA FOR UK

London, April 3.

Britain hopes to buy as much tea from India, Pakistan and Ceylon this year as she did last, Mr. Stanley Evans, Food Ministry Under-Secretary, told Parliament today.

Negotiations are still going on with the Governments concerned, he added.

Last year Britain contracted to buy 454,000,000 lbs.

A Labour Member, Mr. Thomas Reid, asked if the Minister had tried to get tea from Indonesia at a moderate price.

Mr. Evans replied that he hoped to get a small quantity this year.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 8, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before April 22nd, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 3.

Railroad shares stepped out with unexpected vigour today in the stock market and touched off a wave of general buying enthusiasm. Rails made gains of fractions to more than three points while the rest of the market scored advances ranging from fractions to more than a point.

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 Colgate 43 1/4
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 Du Pont 69 1/4
 Eastman Kodak 40 1/4
 General Electric 40 1/4
 " Motors 78 1/4
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 "President Taft" Arr. Apr. 25 Sails Apr. 26

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 "President Fillmore" Arr. May 13 Sails May 14

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"BENARTY"		11th June
"BENMACDHUI"		25th June
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"BENVANNOCH" Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.		K/Wharf 20th Apr.
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"BENLAWERS" Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre, Antwerp & Rotterdam.		Buoy A. 9 30th May
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